

August and Every



ugust was the month for beginnings. There were many new beginnings. The school had new faces and old faces but they were always changing growing with the seasons. Seniors preparing for the the new experiences that lay ahead. While freshmen began to spread their roots and anchor themselves for the events ahead. Sophomores searched for their meaning of growth and life. Not sure whether they were to keep growing or stop. Funions grew and changed slowly beginning to find themselves and who they were. Teachers and faculty helped students to make these changes. Students could excel in sports, ac-

ademics, liberal arts, or anything they chose to. There was always support when students were in need.

Students showed their support for others in a number of activities. Homecoming week was a series of events that brought classmates together. Friendships grew and so did support for one another. Classes came together and partipated in such activities as dress-up days, float building, wall making, and the penny count.

Students at Montevallo have a special bond different from other schools. The students grow and change with one other.





Dawn Fochtmann pauses for a moment to allow Mrs. Dickson to pin her corsage. Dawn was one of the juniors attendents. It was her first year on court.

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Gretchen Seelbach, Erin Ryerson, Dana McNeel, Angelica Gilley, and Loren Lucas show the senior class unity. This bond was especially obvious during homecoming.







Esin Doves and Rene Ross encourage the fans to stand up and chees. This was their first year on the squad.

Maggie Plott relaxes after all of her hard work on her studies.

Keith Johnson does not think this is part of his football workout. The rolling of the school seems to have become a homecoming week tradition.



Opening 3

From AUGUST to May

rom August to May many things change. The schedule of classes may have stayed the same but people underwent and endured many changes. Everybody experienced transitions of change much like the seasonal changes of the year. Some changes were for the good and some were for the worse. What would school have been like if there had been no change? No one would be able to say that they had enjoyed their high shool year. Being at MHS during the 1996 school year made all realize that their world was changing and so were they. At the end of the academic year many would appreciate the subtle change that had occurred in each one from August to May.

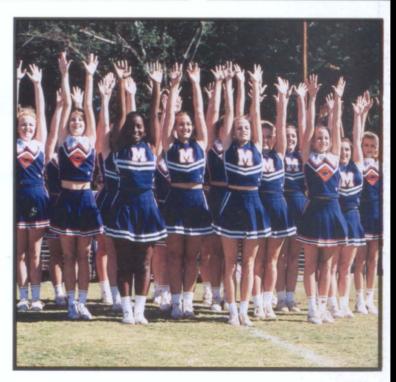
The Troubadours blast the familiar tune of "The Hey Song". The crowd loved to sing along with them.

Freshman Michael Wynn attempts to figure out how to build the perfect egg holder. His egg "crashed and burned" in the 10th annual Egg Drop.

The cheerleaders did more than just cheer at pep rallies, they danced too!





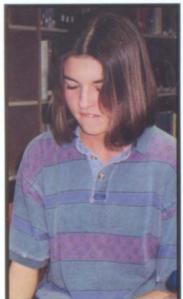












Brandy Ramsey adds the finishing touches to the face of Fenny Moore. Blue and orange paint was on many faces during the week of Homecoming.

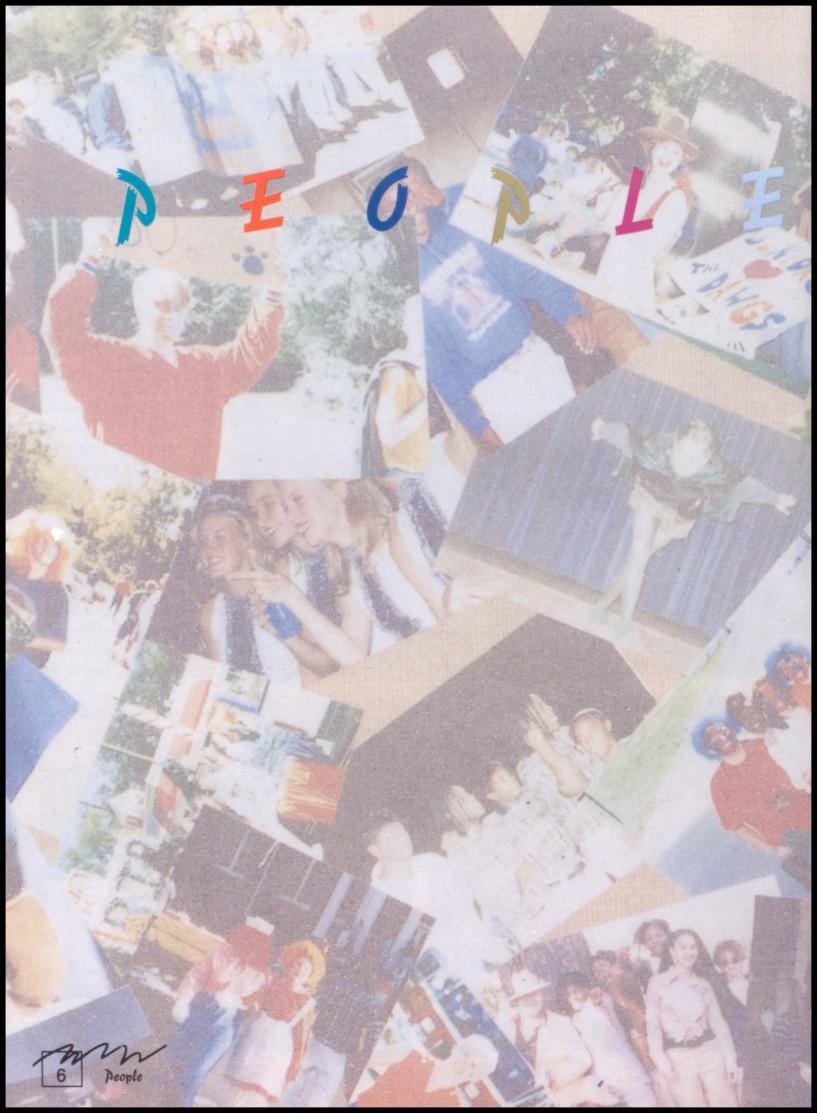
Seniors Wade Renry and Heather Pate paint the face of fellow senior, Elizabeth Hamilton. With their help, the seniors took a 1st place finish in their last Homecoming appearance.

Sophomore Connie Stobert takes a break to study a little Algebra. This was an activity that involved most all students from August to May.





Freshman Ben Evans goes all out to show his school spirit. He helped cheer his class to second place.



And Everybody Else

As the seasons start and end, so do the school years at Montevallo High. The faces of the teachers and the students also add to the excitement. From August to May students make the transition from "new buds" to four year old "mature trees".

School begins each year in the summer. Seniors exemplify the spirit and fun of that season. Their year starts with the summertime making of the much anticipated senior class portrait. It is to be placed in the yearbook, above the mantle and in the halls of dear old MHS. Seniors and summer are synonymous.

Autumn follows summer just as the juniors follow the seniors. This season is known for maturity. Like the season, juniors mature as they approach their time in the sun.

A period of dormancy follows the fall, this is like the sophomore year of high school. This group has just finished a 'bridging' year as ninth graders and are just beginning to stand alone. When the season is right, they will emerge as leaders just like those who went before them.

The similarities between freshmen and spring are too many to list. Some are obvious such as exuberance, youthful naivete, awkwardness, and shyness in new social settings. They soon blossom into true, useful members of the MHS student population.

The people in the school setting are as diverse as all phases of the seasons of the year, and yet they all share a common experience in time.

People

Summer is a Season for Adventure . . .

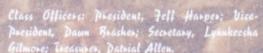
As the season of real life began at graduation and our high school years ended, we were determined not to forget. "One of my most memorable moments in high school was when we finally won Homecoming," says Elizabeth Hamilton. All of our moments together became cherished memories. These were created from playing sports, cheering, playing in the band, and from accomplishing new things indi-

vidually and collectively.

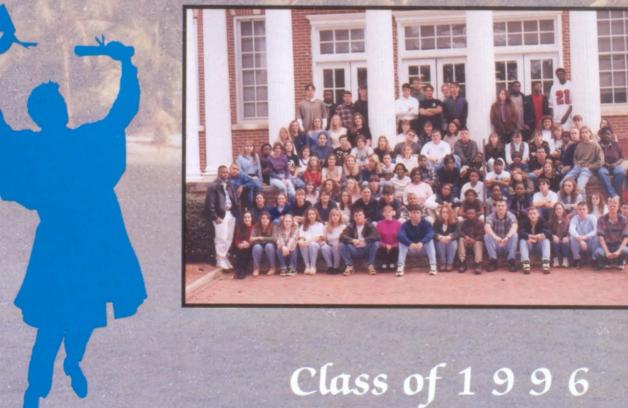
The seniors were both impatient and overwhelmed to graduate in 1996. Most planned to go to college, technical school, into one of the services or directly into the

work force. This meant leaving friends behind. Good-bye at graduation began a new summer season and a new advewnture for each graduate.

Terri Wood









Jamie Acre



Tim Alexander



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Pam Allen



Julie Anderson



Jody Arnold



Maurice Barnes



Landon Barnett



Wade Berry



Anna Blackmon



Daphne Bolden



Senions





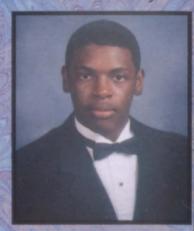
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Christie Brantley



Dawn Brasher



Cedric Brown



Heather Brown



Tim Burnett



Christy Butcke



Chas Buttel



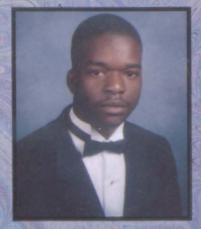
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Andre Conwell



Kerri Cottingham



Melvin Craig



Brad Crocker



Melissa Crocker



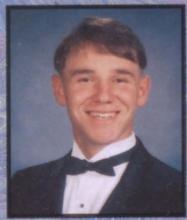
Valinda Davis





Keith Davison

Beth Czerw



Donny Deason



School Spirit: Gretchen



Dusty Dobbs



Seniors





Marlon Dubose

Phillip Dukes



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Angela During



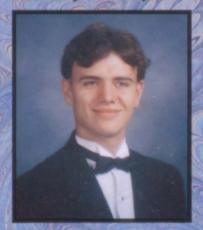
Christy Evans



Kelly Fochtmann



Ann Fulgham



Gene Garza



Angelica Gilley



Lynnkeesha Gilmore



Roxanne Glass



Fred Hall



Rod Hall



Stephanie Hall

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Seniors



Angie Hamilton



Elizabeth Hamilton





Brad Hammond



Jeff Harper



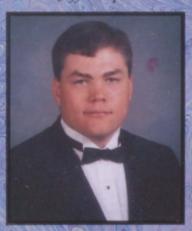
Andy Haynie



Karen Hicks



Alisha Holmes



D.J. Horton



John Horton



Mandy Howard



Nikki Hudson



Charlotte Johnson

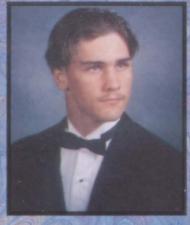


Ellony Johnson



Brenda Jones Seniors







Paul Jones

Dana Kemp









Heather Kendrick

Tia Lacey

Monique Lilly

Melissa Loggins









Loren Lucas

Rebecca Marsh

Grant McChesney

Jay McGaughy









Dana McNeel

Seniors

Jessica Morgan

Takisha Motley

Libby Nathews



Kim Nelson



Matt Newingham



Heather Pate



Sarah Pawlik



Jamie Pierce



Dane Polk



Angela Potts



Michelle Reach



Lisa Register



Renee Rowe



Danielle Rutledge



Erin Ryerson



Mark Schaefer



Gretchen Seelbach





Edward Shamburger



Heather Sisco



Lindsey Smith



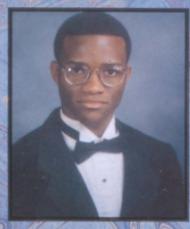
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Christa Steib



Jeremy Stutts



Jack Taylor



Robin Taylor



Jason Thrash



Tyson Tryon



David Watson



Chris Whitehead



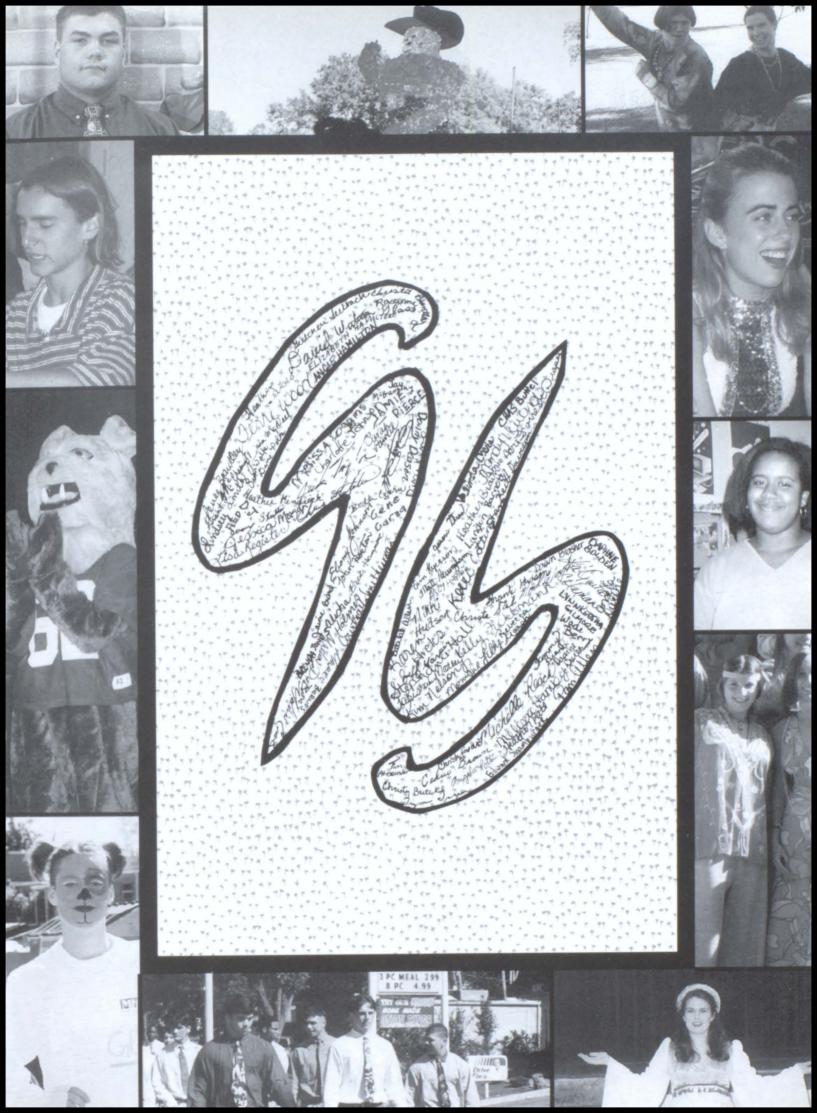


Brian Wolfe



Terri Wood

16 Senions



A Season for Change

prepared for their upcoming senior year. Many students met these changes with a feeling of anxious anticipation as they received class rings and went to the prom. Still others were concerned about passing the exit exam or making high marks on the ACT and SAT. Although the pressure of being a junior began early in the school year, the thought of being an upperclassman made most happy. "Even though my junior year seems quite hectic, the thought of having one more year of high school makes things seem a lot better", said junior Rachel Bearden. As far as students and their junior year, things just happened to fall into place!



Class Officers: Kristie Adams (Sec), Donald Clayton (Pres), Andrea Wynn (V Pres), and Hannah Scott (Tres).



Class Favorites: Chris Adams, Maggie Plott, and Milan Chappell, not pictured Chavone Spruel.







Angela Johnson shows her class spirit as Casey Barnes and Cori Burnett are mesmerized by the action taking place. Some juniors were awed by the whole event.

Misty McClain works for the Class of 1997! Most juniors worked very hard to compete in Homecoming activities.





















Fared Alexander Kenrick Allen Casey Barnes Rachel Bearden

Tunions 19

Heather Beaty
Willie Belt

Beau Blake

Christy Boothe









Fames Brown

Cori Burnett

Lindsey Cardone

Foey Carlee

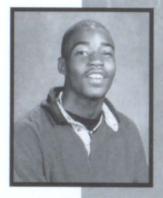








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Donald Clayton

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Amy Cross

Lindett Cutts

Cheryl Devinner

Shawn Dunaway

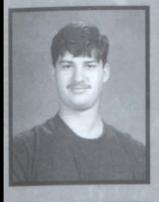








20 Juniors









Brian Edwards

David Epperson

Fason Epperson

Kelsey Fields









Dawn Fochtmann
April Flowers
Stephanic Ford
TeMarcus Fuller

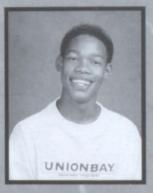




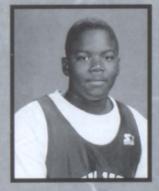




Brandon Genry Keith Genry Erin George Kim Gross









Melvin Gross Kevin Hamm Raphiel Harrell Brandi Hayes









Foey Helms

Lee Hensley

Feremy Herring

Mary Beth Holsomback

Tunions 21

Stephen Honton Thaddis Hudson Matthew Hyde Angela Fohnson



















Zach Layman Undrae Lilly Willie Lilly Melissa Ludlum









Lindsey Lutz Misty Magner Kim Mayfield Misty McClain







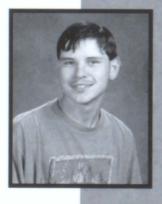


Daniel Nalley

Paul Oden

Malinda Ohnusch

Matt Pawlik









22 Funions



















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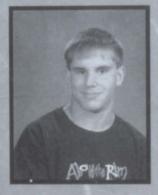








Leslie Shack Stephanie Siener Sara Simone Tina Smith









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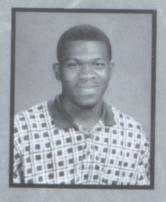


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Kathy Sturgis
Brandy Thompson
Carlos Tolbert
David Wand









Skarlet Ward Fosh Williams Andrea Wynn Chris Helder





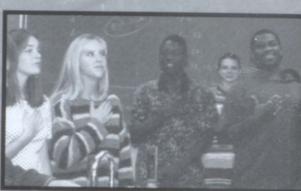




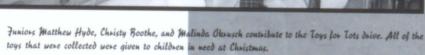
LaToya Young Lendale Young











Stephanie Siener, Rachel Bearden, Anthonio Chism, Cori Burnett, and Carlos Tolbert show their patriotism saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledging became a new 1445 tradition.

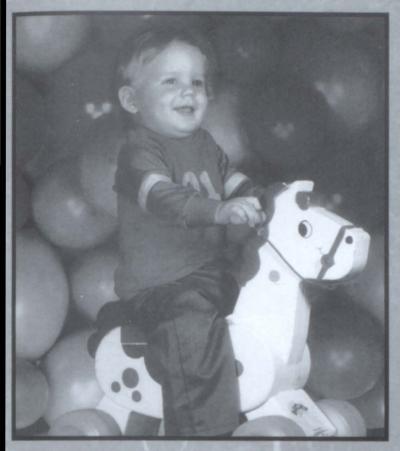
Melissa Ludlum strikes a pose with her new class ring. Receiving rings was just one of the many exciting aspects of being a junior.



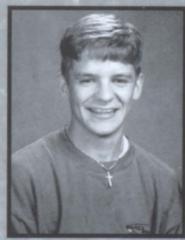
24 Funions

In Loving Memory DAUID GLENDON WARD

October 15, 1987—December 30, 1995







In Memory of Davey Crockett

Gone from this life, but not from our hearts; We will miss you, our beloved nephew You are always in our thoughts. We love you very much.

> Love, Uncle Glen and Aunt Joy

Forever In My Heart Forever in my heart is where you'll stay, Always and forever and then a day. I loved you then and always will, You were my little buzzard, you were my friend. You brought to me a smile that I'll never forget, A smile from ear to ear that made me have absolutely no fear. That made me feel like time just stood still. I wish I could hear your voice telling me I was dreaming, Or just look into your big, blue eyes once again. But as your song says . . . "eventually we will be together", I do believe that will be One Sweet Day. Until then my Davey, I know you'll be shining down on me from the paradise that you are in, Not only as my wild angel but as my friend. You were the treasure that I had longed to find, And even though you've gone and left this world behind . . . You'll forever be in my heart!

From The Heart

Rebecca Lee Ladewig

Hold in your heart the love you have for one another every day. Never waste today; for there are no tomorrows. If you love "say it"; if you care "show it". For David I will say, He loved his family and many friends. And for me, I will say I love the same.

Very special to me is the time I spent with David. Thank you David for one thing no one can take away from you and me, our love for each other. "God bless you", and all who may read this. I'll keep you alive in my mind and most of all your love in my heart.

Barry Keith Johnson

A Season To Cool Down

hey were not seniors, so exit exams and college entrance exams were not on their minds.

They were not freshmen, so first year anxieties were gone. They were sophomores!

Sophomores who were ready to put their underclassmen years into hibernation and "bloom" into upperclassmen.

Sophomores were high school's version of "the middle child". They were looked up to by freshmen and were just beginning to be accepted by juniors and seniors. The new year brought more choices and new responsibilities. They still did not let this get to them, as they became totally comfortable with their place in high school. "Being a sophomore has included harder classes but more opportunities to take more interesting classes. Falso feel that there is less pressure because we are not the babies anymore", said Loren Leigh McAnally. Once they acquired a driver's license and hit the road, sophomores felt complete. No pressures from being the oldest, no depression from being the youngest, sophomores had room to just 'chill'!



Class Favorites: Tiffany Chappell, Feff Davis and Loren McAnally.



Class Officers: Brad Ramberg, Tiffany Chappell, Sherry Bice and Amy Stone.





Some sophomores show that "70's clothes are still in bad taste twenty years later. They placed third in the Dress-Up competition.

Sophomore Zac Craig stares in disbelief while raking up toilet paper. The school was 'rolled' a number of times during Homecoming Neek.























Rrad Bramberg Brandy Bell Gretchen Berry Sherry Bice

Lora Brand
Chip Brantley
Kent Brazzell
Faclyn Brown









Tasha Brown

Danny Butke

Louise Carson

LaNisha Cartwell









April Chappell

Tiffany Chappell

Matt Collins

Kevin Conwell









Zac Craig
Nicole Damon
Margaret Daum
Feff Davis









Erin Davison

Angela Delawder

Dewayne Dupree

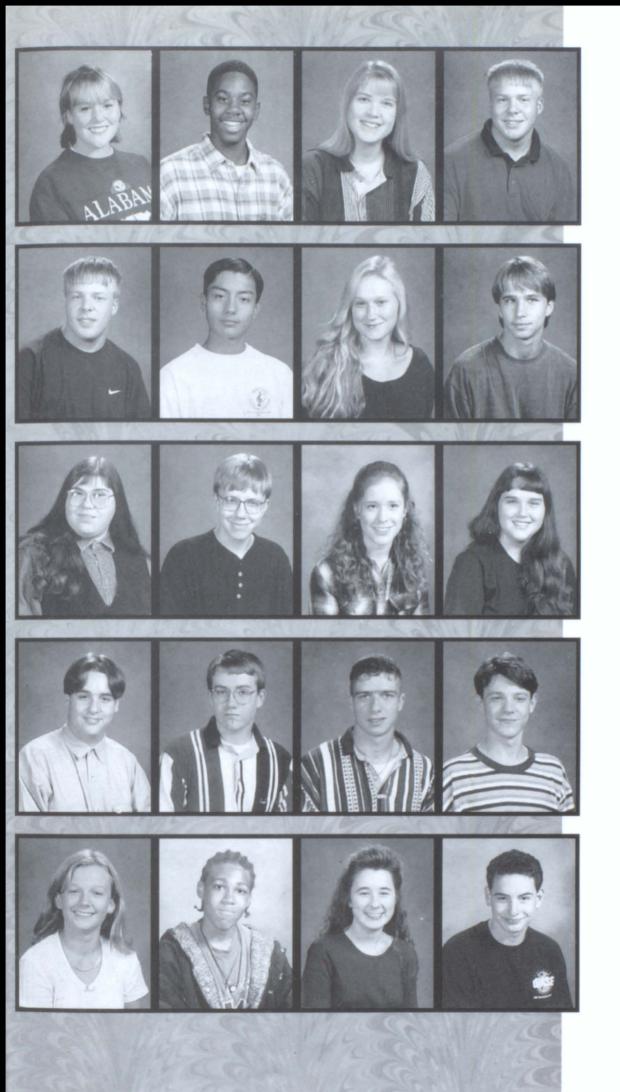
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Bethany Evans

Onlando Farrington

Sandy Fochtmann

Brendan Fuller

Morgan Fuller Ray Garza Melissa Genry Michael George

Brandy Hamm Franck Hasiuk Laurel Horsley Lee Hutchinson

Chris Fugram Michael Facks Keith Fohnson I F Fohnson

Barbie Fohnstone

Byron Fones

Fennifer Fones

Fesus Fuarez

Fohnny King Kathy Lamonica Hunter Lawley Kevin Leslie



Ferome Lilly

Brandon Lovelady

Kristie Lucas

Stephen Lucas



Mandy Lutz Tracy Lutz Lori Lyle Ray Marshall







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Tiffany McCay
Brent McChesney
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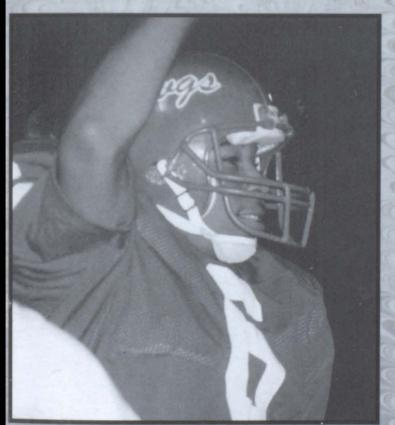


Chandler Russ

Corey Salter

Fulie Scarborough

Eric Scarbrough





Fesus Fuarez, Tyeshia Arentice, Haley Mitchell, and Sherry Rice cheer at the annual Homecoming parade. The sophomores received third place in the overall competition.

Coney Salter celebrates another touchdown for the Mighty Rulldogs! The team won by a landslide.

Roy Shackleford Henry Silas Christine Simmer Fim Smith



Carrie Smitherman

Connie Stobert

Amy Stone

Amy Taylor

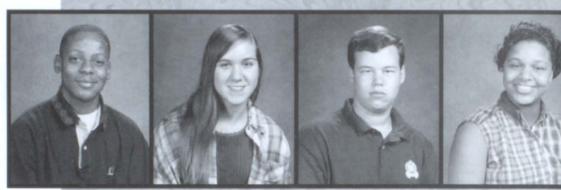


Reggie Tripp

Kimberly Verchot

Matt Walker

Shantise Wallace



Adam Webb Dereth Wilson Dierson Woods



Sandy Fochtmann, Julie Scanborough and Amy Stone lead their class cheer while marching in the homecoming parade. There was a huge crowd at the pep rally in Theron-Fisher stadium to cheer on the 'Dogs!





Courtney KaSha Worthey

1979-1995



We really miss you Sis
But we love you from our heart
You've always shared your smiles of love
Right from the very start!

We love you, Stephanie, Leonard, Tiffany



You've always been our bundle of joy
That made our lives complete
Knowing we shared each other's love
Made the joy of living so sweet.

Love always, Mom and Dad





Courtney KaSha Worthey was born on May 26, 1979 in Troy, Alabama.

At a very early age she confessed Christ and joined the Green Chapel Baptist Church Aldrich where she sang in the choir. She was a student at Montevallo High School, and a competitor in the Alabama Special Olympics. On Monday, June 26, 1995 she was called home to glory at Shelby Medical Center Alabaster, Alabama at 9:40 P.M. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving and devoted parents, Earnest and Callie Worthey, a foster brother, Leonard Jones, two foster sisters, Stephanie Jones and Tiffany Jones, grandmothers, Lillie Mae Naugher, all of Montevallo, and Clara Worthey Windsor, North Carolina, eleven uncles, eight aunts, six great uncles, nine great aunts, and a host of relatives and friends.

A Season to Bloom

s the 'new' students at Montevallo High School, this year's freshman class had to grow into a fresh new environment. New experiences abounded. Even daily life had been drastically altered. This included multiple schedule changes, interaction with upper classmen, and loads of new information to learn in order to earn real credits. All of these sudden blows were softened by caring teachers and their own "school within a school" CORE program. The program was designed to make the transition to high school more gradual and less stressful. The freshmen ended their year with "RAVE REVIEWS" Lock-In on May 24, 1996. They had a cookout, reviews sessions, entertainment, games and lots of fun! Overall, the freshmen enjoyed the year, with it's collection of new experiences, and many painful new lessons. They looked forward to 'springing into sophomores' so that they could be upper classmen too.



Class Officers: Taska Mahaffey (Pres), Kyle Henderson (V Pres), Audrey Taylor (Sec), and Dora Thompson (Tres).

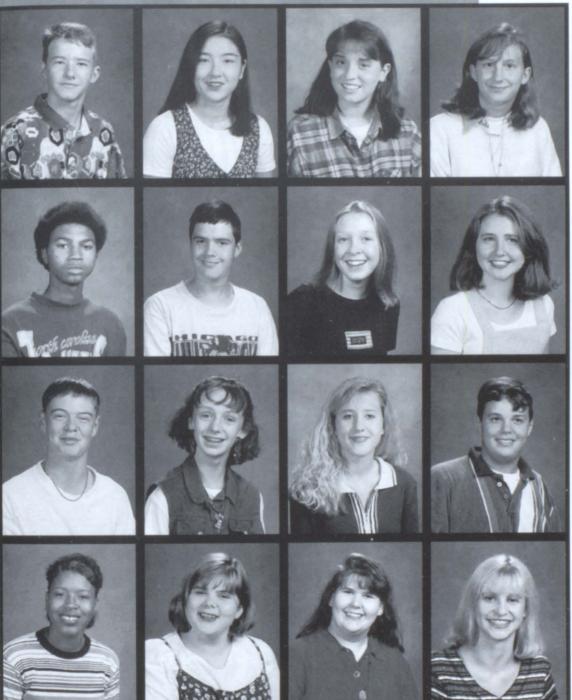


Class Favorites: Robert Rooks, Hteria Tolbert, Dora Thompson and Johnathan Williams.





Kristie Lawley, Amanda Wyatt, Fennifer Rowden, and Kristy Barnett carry the parade banner for the Class of 1999!



Foe Adams
Fessica Ballentine
Kristy Barnett
Mary Laurel Blake

Artice Bolden
Wesley Boothe
Charlotte Bouldin
Fennifer Bowden

Foey Brantley

Shelley Brasher

Kim Bright

Burt Brown

Pam Brown
Wendy Brown
Misty Burnett
Samantha Cahall

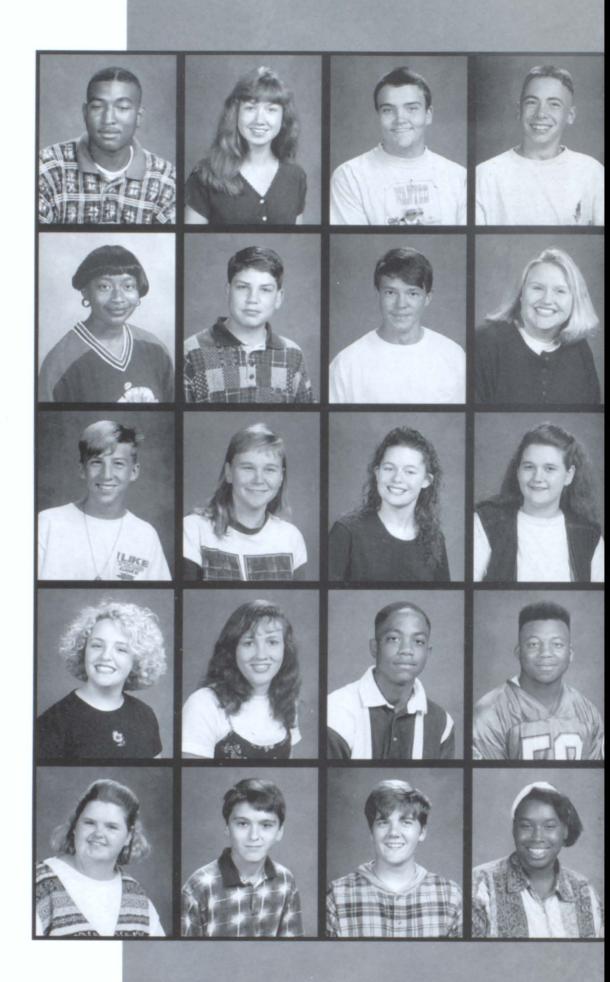
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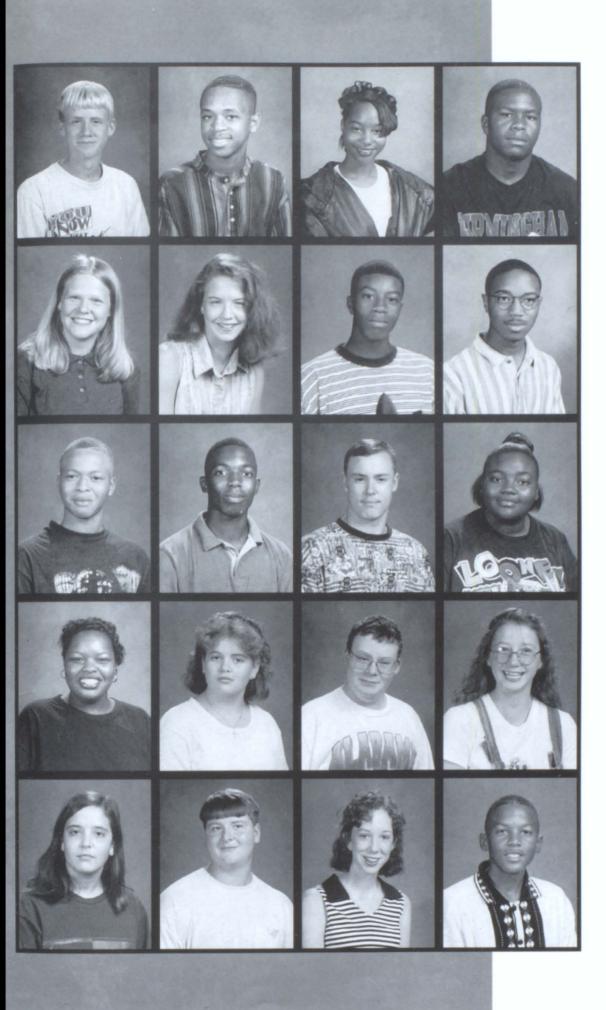
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Steve Davis
Michelle Dawson
Michelle Devall
Angela Donahue

Enin Doven
Christy Drawhorn
Antonio DuBose
Steven Durham

Gina Dutton Amin Ebrahimi Eddie Edwards Tenika Edwards





Ben Evans

Dishone Evans

Charita Foreman

Donald Fox

Hillany Franklin Erica Frazier Leonard Fulgham Michael Gentry

Kenneth Gilbert Presley Gilmore Brandon Graham Claudia Green

Holanda Gross Andrea Hall David Harper Keisha Harrell

Alecia Harris
Fohn Harris
Eileen Haugh
Kyle Henderson

Lauren Hendon Brody Honeycutt Erin Houser Bryant Hudson

Victor Hudson Telisha Huff Dana Hurt Rachel Hyde

DeWayne Fanvis

Tim Fohns

Melanie Fohnson

Christie Fones

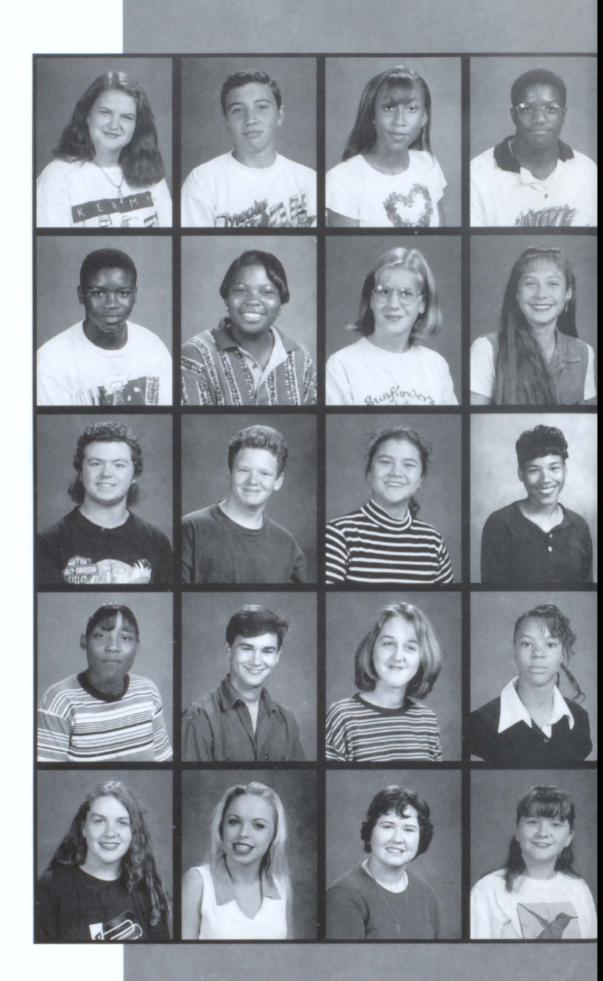
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Eric Fones

Foy Fones

Natalia Fones

Emily Kemp Amie Langham Kristie Lawley Markela Lawley





Perry Lawley
Fennifer Lee
Ruth Lewis
Andrea Lilly

Heather Lougher Ketwanna Lewis Matt Ludlum Tasha Mahaffey

Bryan Marshall

Ebony Mason

Leslie McClain

Stephanie McCord

Michael McGraw
Willie McHeal
Chris McRee
Cassie Meigs

Fermaine Mitchell

Fenny Moore

Dollie Motes

Latissus Murrell

Katherine Halley
Emily Hathews
Amanda Hesmith
Melissa Horthcutt

Eric Pickett
Stacy Pickett
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Chris Puckett

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Robert Rooks

Renee Ross

Kiera Rutledge

Loven Ryerson

DeWayne Sailes

Keaton Santa Cruz

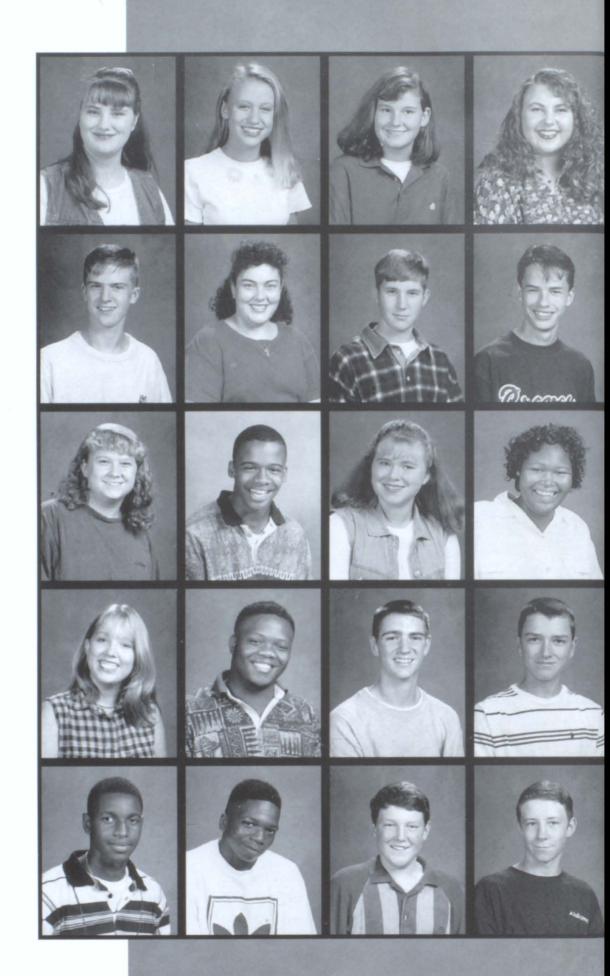
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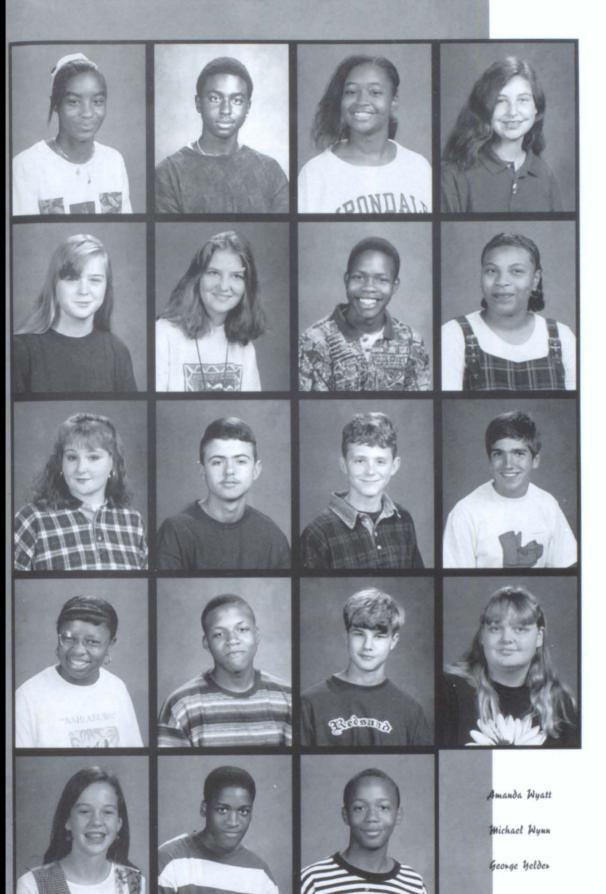
Travis Smith

DuRon Stallworth

Brian Stano

Stevan Stano





Latasha Sumerlin Renaldo Sumerlin Audrey Taylor Dora Thompson

Kelly Thompson

Grace Tingle

Frank Tolbert

Hteria Tolbert

Amanda Vaughan Kyle Walker McShan Walker Thad Walker

Andrea Williams

D F Williams

Fonathan Williams

Melissa Williams

Helping Start the Season . .

George Theodore Donna Dickson Tony Berry Wally Blanton Melissa Chappell











Colleen Colley Richard Colley Mary Derryberry Michele George Robert George











Kathy Gilliland Rose Ellen Hankins Larry Haynes Barbara Henderson Tom Hester











Some teachers went way beyond helping to start the season. Fan Rogers was awarded teacher of the year for Montevallo High School. Larry Haynes was recognized as the <u>Birmingham Post Herald's</u> Distinguished Teacher of 1996. "He was a great teacher and deserved the honor" said senior Erin Ryerson. Some teachers started in the middle of the season. Paul Morris took over Kathy Spease's classes when she left in the middle of the year. When Rose Ellen Hankins retired in February, Nancy Werbach filled her vacancy. Delilah Robinson and Colleen Colley, as well as bookkeeper, Carolyn McCollough retired at the end of the school year. Even though some left they will be always be remembered for their influence in the lives of their students.





Math teacher, Paul Morris was a new addition to the MHS faculty. He also coached the boy's golf team.



Nancy Werbach replaced Rose Ellen Hanki upon her retirement. She quickly became " home" on the MHS campus.

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Johnye Horton Rill Hunt Veronica Lamar Vista Nelson Laura Parks











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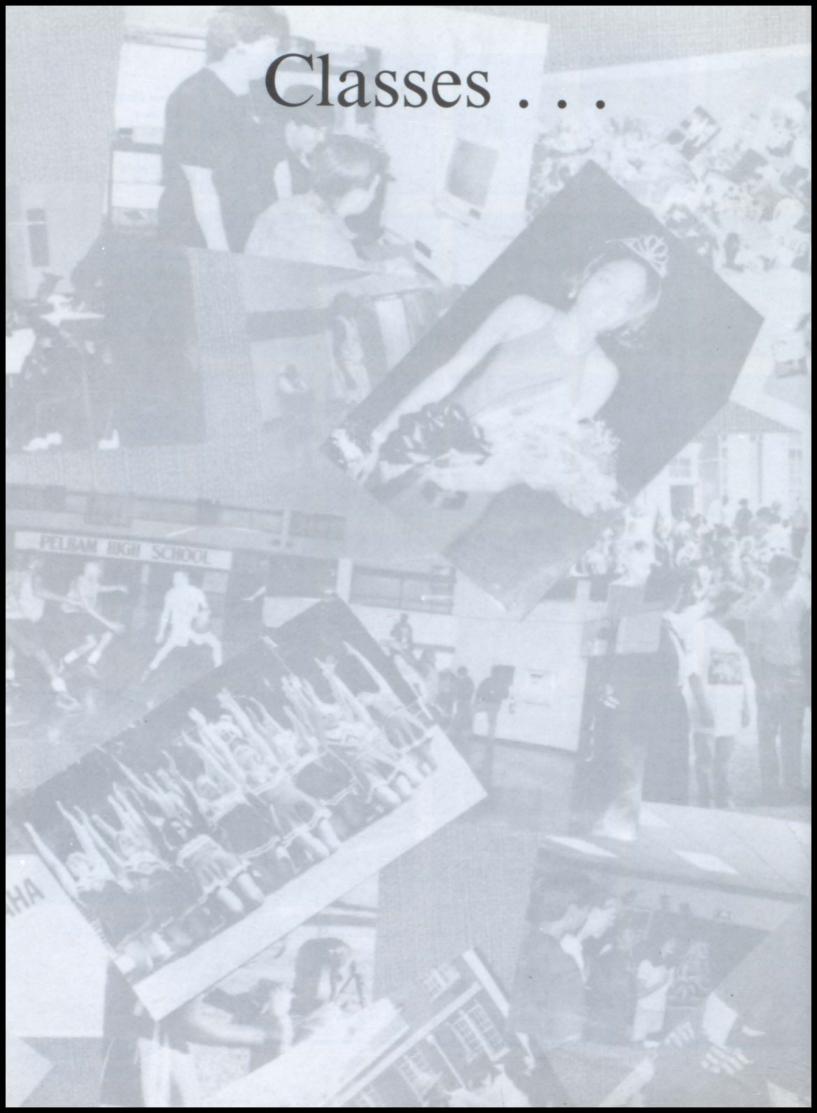




Lunchsoom staff: Regina Renfso, Betty Price, Sue Melsoni (Mgs), and Alesia Bunn.

Phil Carter works to keep up with repairs. He was responsible for many improvements to the 1MHS facilities.

Michele George kicks in the Punt Pass and Kick contest at the pep rally. As a new teacher, she discovered many new aspects to her profession.



and Everything In Between

elaxing in the countyard, running to a class, working on a paper, and listening to teachers were activities found in a student's life every day. MHS students were kept quite busy during the year with extracurricular activities, such as math team, student council, spotlight, FFA, FHA and peer helpers or with fun activities like homecoming week, the first carnival, assemblies, prom, and graduation.

Many students looked to this time of fun and hard work as the best time of their life.

Although busy with school projects, students always found time to meet with friends for social activities.

Students at Montevallo have a unique bond shared with one another unlike some found in bigger schools. Students attend school each year with the classmates they have gone to school with since the primary grades. They know and care for each other in ways that others often miss in the "big" schools.





In Loving Memory Robert Lee Farrington, Jr. 1962-1996

S5gt Robert L. Farrington Fr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Farrington Sr. 55gt Farrington was a very outgoing young man. He graduated from Bibb County High School in 1986. He attended the University of Montevallo and Lawson State Community College. He later joined the Armed Forces where he dedicated 13 wonderful years of his life. He was last stationed in Ramstein Germany, where he logged more than 1,500 accident-free flying hours. S5gt Farrinton periodically held seminars in the Montevallo schools to share stories about his military career and achievements. Farrinton lost his life in the line of duty on April 3, 1996. His memories will be lovever chesished.

Robert L. Farrington Sr.





During their leisure time many students enjoy just lounging around, while others prefer roughing it in the rodeo. Gretchen Berry is 'heeling' while Mary Laurel Blake 'heading'.

Saying the Pledge of Allegiance was one of the many traditions that returned to the school day program this year. At the end of each day, Ketwanna Lucius and Gina Dutton take down and fold the flag in its proper form.

Many students have after school jobs which allow them to practice for their future careers. Hannah Scott helps in assisting mentally and physically challenged kids each day.



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Aside from school, there were many activities that students chose to participate in. While some decided to save lives as volunteer firemen, others simply spent quality time with their family. Some extracurricular functions included the Montevallo High School Carnival, several local rodeos, and many sport competitions.

Work was also a popular way that students spent their free time. A number of courses and programs were offered to ready students for the work force. The School of Technology in Columbiana helped students to obtain special training in a variety of vocations, such as Health Occupations and Business education. "Trade school has been a good experience of what the real world will be like," said junior Amy Cross. Working outside of school gave students a sense of responsibility and independence. The UTP program was designed to allow students to attend school, and then check out later in the day to work at a local businesses. After school jobs were common among Montevallo High School students. Many businesses such as Lucky's, Bruno's, Smitherman's Drug Store, Diggly Wiggly, and Subway provided young people with needed experience and cash. Fobs helped students to contribute to many school activities, as well as college, car payments, and various social happenings.





Loren McAnally and Andrea Wynn prepare an area of the parking lot for the carnival. The carnival was a huge success thanks to volunteers like these!

Chris Yelder proudly displays the Richard Mr. Scrushy Award for Courage that he received in December. He received this award for his independent spirit and his work at Unique Industries.

Roxanne Glass and Elizabeth Hamilton build props for the fall play. The production was a pleasure for all who viewed it, especially students from the elementary school.



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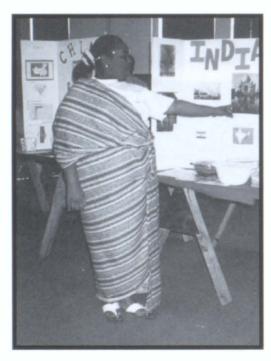
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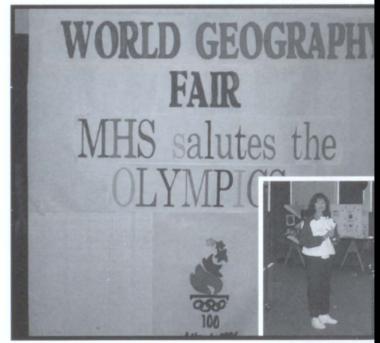








Holanda Gross explains her project during the annual Geography Fair. Each ninth grader participated in the fair.



1976 Olympic Gold Medalist, Fennifer Chandler Fones, spoke with the freshmen at their and Geography Fair. She was encouraging all Alabamians, like herself, to support the 1996 Olymp

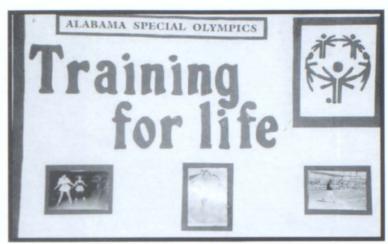
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"... and everything after". These words could summarize the lives of MHS students in 1996. School was simply preparation for real life. For those who were uncertain of their future plans, there were many activities designed to lead students in the right direction. For example, students who were unsure of their career choice could explore many possibilities during the annual Career Day. For Juniors and Seniors, Ms. Colley also arranged College Day.

Other students prepared for real life through actual work, training experiences or college classes. They traveled daily to the University of Montevallo campus or to the Shelby County School of Technology or to the work environment. Students even prepared themselves all during the summer by participating in various practice sessions. Fn addition, all students had summer reading lists for their english class in the fall.

Fennifes Eaton and Amis Ebsahimi study for their physical science exam in the 'wee hours' of May 25, 1996. Forty Joephmen and their CORE teachers prepared for exams with an all-night Rave Deview.

Franck Hasuik, Ms. Colley, and Feff Harper look at brochures for college. Ft was not too early to start planning.

David Epperson stuffs napkins for the junior float. Even 'fun' activities were used to teach cooperation and responsibility.



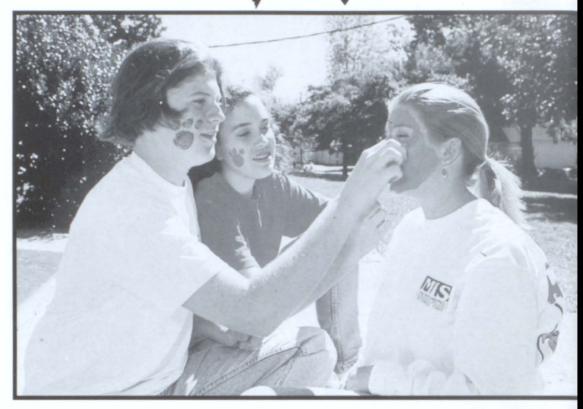
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As the beginning of the school year began, the excitement of homecoming week ran throughout each class. Not only did the anticipation of being a F7RST PLACE winner motivate each class, but a spirit of rivalry between each grade existed in every mind! The homecoming festivities started with dress-up days. The dress-up days included celebrity day and hippie day.

The next big event was the annual penny count. Each class had to fill a jar with pennies along with filling the other class jars with silver. Over four hundred dollars was collected to help defray the cost of the annual event.

Resides these two events, the thought of the wall and float competitions lingered in the minds of eager students. Construction was limited to only two days! Each class rushed to make their floats and walls the neatest and most eye-catching. Competition was lierce.

The week ended with a pep ralley in which class sponsors helped their class receive extra points. This year, the teachers had to compete in the PUNT-PASS-KFCK contests. As the homecoming week come to its close, the students cheered at the game and reveled at the homecoming dance. FI was another GREAT MHS HOMECOMFNG!



Wade Berry and Heather Pate decorate Elizabeth Hamilton's face to show their senior spirit. The seniors won their liset-ever homecoming competition.

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Several seniors dressed up as Alice and Wonderland characters to help lead their class to victory! They won first place honors for their efforts.

Gretchen Berry and Fac Brown 'smoke out' the hornets in the sophomore class float.

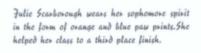


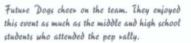




HORNETS















Chois Puckett, in full vampine style, sacrificed much to ensure a second place finish for the freshman class.

Fohnye Horton kicks in the Punt-Pass-Kick competition to earn BONUS POFNIS for his class. Teachers and students got a 'kick' out it!

And the Winner Is

nd the winner is ... "was the most anxiously awaited statement for the week. The selection of the 1995 homecoming queen and her court has been a long-standing tradition at 1MH5. The senior class was represented by the queen and four attendants. Underclasses elected two attendants to the court. Popular votes were cast by the respective classes, however, all students were allowed to vote lor queen.

The 1994 queen, Rachel Brown returned to pass on the crown to the new queen Miss Lynnkeesha Gilmore. Miss Gilmore and her count reigned over the game on Friday night and at the dance which was held on Saturday night.

The Homecoming Dance provided an exciting night to be with that "special person" and to dance to the "cool" songs. The dance began at eight o'clock and leadout began at tenfifteen. Queen Lynnkeesha Gilmone, and members of her court were escorted by their dates in the traditional leadout. Senior football players escorted their dates down the runway as well.

Decorations were built and coordinated by 1MHS student council, students, faculty, and staff. The theme of the dance was "Kiss From A Rose" by Seal. The night was topped off at midnight with a special dance. The celebration was a great success

1994 Queen Rachel Brown crowns the 1995 Homecoming Queen Lynnkeesha Gilmore. This was truly a night that Lynnkeesha would never

The 1995 Homecoming Count(L to R): Christie Fones, Tiffany Chappell, Dawn Fochtmann, Dawn Braskes, Lynnkeesha Gilmore, Daphne Duren, Fulic Anderson, Hannah Scott, April Chappell, and Interia Tollerst.







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A Kiss From A Rose













Paul Jones dances the night away. Paul and others were happy to celebrate at the gathering on Saturday night.

Lynnkeesha Gilmores leads the dancing at the Homecoming dance. She enjoyed her reign as queen and went on to place high in state competition.

Students anxiously await the leadout. The whole event was fun for everyone.

Tina Smith dances with her date. She and other majorettes were thrilled that the dance was held on a separate night rather than right after the game.

Heria Tolbert is escorted from the stage following the leadout. She was a popular choice to serve as a freshman attendant.

Homecoming 53

Crowning Glory

The third annual Miss MHS pageant was held on March 9, 1996 in the auditorium at MHS. A large crowd was in attendance to cheer on their favorite beauty.

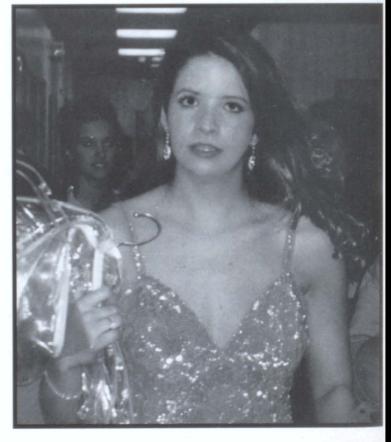
The pageant has become such a huge success that entrants plan for months ahead on what to wear, how to walk, and how to put their best foot forward. The Spring season has been identified with major events such as the prom, awards day, and graduation for a long time, it has recently been identified as "pageant time"!



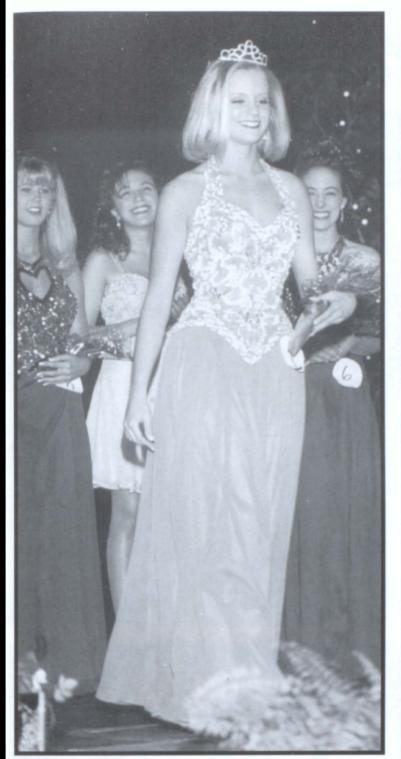


Fulynn Bradshaw (Center) was crowned Funior Miss Montevallo for grades 6-8.

Before the pageant begins Landi Acker rushes to make last minute preparations. She was ready for the competition! The winners at the 1996 Miss MH5 pageant were as follows: (L-R) Miss Congeniality, Hannah Scott, fourth runner-up Angela During, third runner-up Kelly Fochtmann, Miss MH5 Libby Nathews, first runner-up Rebecca Marsh, and second-runner up Fulie Anderson.



54 MHS Pageant











Libby Nathews takes her runway walk after being crowned Miss MH5.

The winners for the Little Mr. Montevallo pageant are as follows: (L-R) Mrs. Personality Cody Dennis, Cutest Smile Fustin Davis, Best Dressed Zachariah Amell, and Little Mrs. Montevallo Brian Giles.

Brittany Farrington (C) was crowned Houng Miss Montevallo for grade 5.

In the Young Miss Montevallo division for grades 3-4, Mary Ann Spivey (C) captured the crown.

In the Little Miss Montevallo competition for grades K-Z, Valencia Cardwell (C) captured the crown.

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A Night In

M ay 10,1996 was a night filled with many magical and memorable moments. It was an exciting time for the guys to get dressed up and for the girls to become glamorous. A Hight In The Stars was the theme of this year's prom. The prom was held at the Bessemen Civic Center for the thind year. "Because you Loved Me", by Celine Dion, was the theme song and the colors were hunter green, silven and black.

The evening officially began at 8:00 PM and ended at 12:00 AM. The leadout began at 10:30 and it featured seniors and their dates. After the leadout seniors David Watson and Terri Wood were crowned Prom King and Queen.

In the end, the prom was a special and unforgettable night for all.



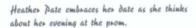


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Margaret Daum and Reau Blake share a happy

Maggie Plott and Brandon Lovelady enjoy a quiet conversation as they dance to a slow tune.

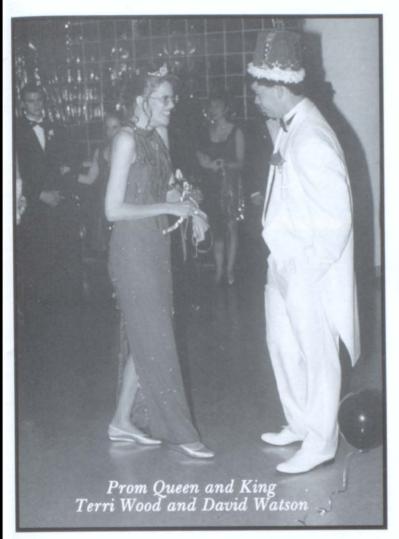
Seniors line up for the ten-thirty leadout. Everyone showed up for this honor and to see the crowning of the king and queen.

Fay McGaughy and Kerri Cottingham prepare to step out in the leadout. These seniors really enjoyed their big night.





The Stars











Donny Wilson and Sara Simone dance while making plans for the rest of the evening.

Louise Carson and Fared Alexander slow dance to the music. They made a lovely couple on the dance floor.

Landon Barnett and Dawn Fochtmann eagerly wait for their names to be called to join in the leadout



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Signing Off





Stacy Medeinos, Brandy Bell, and Kristie Lucas use a unique method to sign each other's autograph pages at the Spring Signing Party. Students were getting used to a fall delivery of the 1996 Montala.

Heather Pate signs in a peaceful way. The signing party gave many students a chance to visit with their biends.

Angela Potts, Fornest Draper, Angela Johnson, and Kim Melson drink cokes and sign white sitting in the grass. Drinks were enjoyed, along with cookies and other treats.

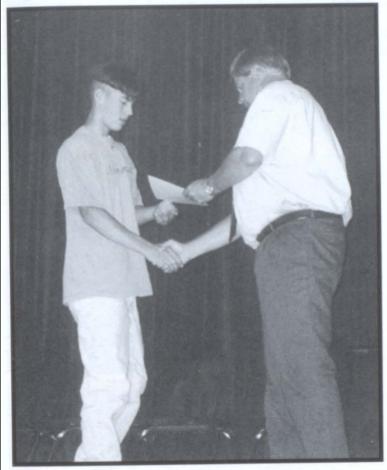
Fessica Ballentine, Danny Sisco, Heather Sisco, and Tammy Brand relax under a tree to sign off. The signing party has become an annual tradition.





58 Montala Signing Party







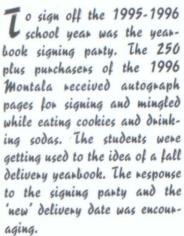


Fac Brown waits in line to receive her softball centilicate.

Zac Craig accepts his baseball award from Coach Williams. The whole team was recognized for their efforts.

The weight lifting team displays their state championship rings. The team tied for first place in the 4A Division.

Senion Athletes: Christy Butcke, Gretchen Seelbach, Sarah Pawlik, Valinda Davis, Angela During, Kim Melson, Erin Ryerson. Second Row: Tim Alexander, Andy Haynic, D.F. Horton, Alisha Hotmes, Fay McGaughy, David Watson, Landon Barnett. Back Row: Libby Mathews, Kelly Fochmann, Fulie Anderson, Grant McChesney, Brian Wolfe.



Another spring activity is the presentation of awards. The spring sports awards were given out in an assembly to honor baseball and softball players, as well as golfers, tennis players and tracksters. Twenty-four senior athletes were given plaques for their participation in a varsity sports for two or more years.

The sports banquet held on April 13 at the University of Montevallo recognized over 180 sport participants. Harlon Hill was the guest speaker at the banquet, and he stressed the dangers of drug and alcohol dependency. Awards were given out for football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleadering, and weight lifting.



Sport Awards 59

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On May 9, 1996 Montevallo High School celebrated its 40th annual Awards Day. Ms. Susie Dement was the leader of ceremonies and was assisted by principal, George Theodore. Many visitors, including parents and business representatives, took part in the ceremony. Students were recognized for academics, athletics, good citizenship, scholastic improvement, sports and perfect attendence. Many seniors received scholanships for athletics and academics. Students were presented with a variety of centificates, plaques, thophies, pins and gifts. It was truly a memorable occassion.



Senior Erin Ryerson was recognized as the Pepsi Academic Champ. She was one of twentylive chosen from the local area.

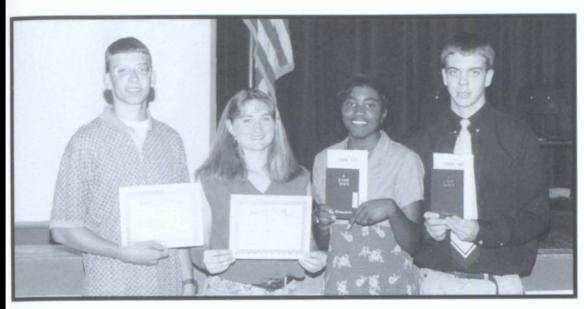
Homecoming queen, Lynnkeesha Gilmore was recognized for her top 30 finish in the state homecoming queen competition.

Freshmen Kristie Lawley and McShan Walker were awarded certificates for making all A's in their first semester in high school. Pecceiving school letters for all A's in high school were junior Donald Clayton and senior Beth Czerw.





The Cream of The Crop





Funiors Katrina Staffney and Donald Clayton were awarded the Danforth Award. Zack Layman and Erin George were chosen as alternates.







from 5150 to 511,400. Recipients included: (Front) Libby Natheus, Gretchen Seelbach, Sarah Pawlik, Christy Butcke, Christa Steib, Kim Nelson, and Erin Ryerson. (Second) Daphne Rolden, Beth Czerw, Angela Potts, David Watson, Heather Kendrick, and Tim Alexander, (Back) Dawn Brasher, Dane Polk, Heather Pate, Tyson Tryon, and Brian Wolfe.

Eighteen seniors were awarded scholarships for their abilities and academics. Scholarships ranged

Students who received the President's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award graduated with honors. They included: (Front) Daphne Bolden, Gretchen Seelbach, Libby Nathews, Valinda Davis, Erin Ryerson, Rebecca Marsh, and Christa Steib, (Back) Beth Czerw, Christy Butcke, Sarah Pawlik, Heather Kendrick, Dawn Brasher, and Dane Polk.

Beth Czerw was awarded the Valedictory medal, while Dane Polk received the Salutatory medal. They each gave a speech at commencement.



And Everything

As the seniors' last year of high school finally came to an end, the memories and feelings seemed overwelming to many. While some seniors were glad that they were finally through, some said that they would miss the thought of "only being a high schooler".

Graduation was a time for many to begin to feel the strong emotions that only those that had preceeded them could know. Not only did they possess a feeling of excitement but also a recurring fear of the future that was almost overwhelming. The feeling of being 'in charge' and 'at the top' would now be replaced by being at the bottom once the freshman year of college began. While graduates said 'so long' to high school days. they said 'hello' to a more complicated issue, "the real world".

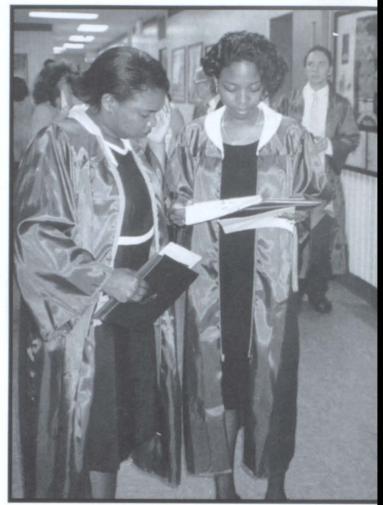


Mr. Theodore presents Anna Blackman with her diploma during graduation. Many students plan to attend college while some plan to go to work.

Lynkeesha Gilmore and Daphne Bolden admire their diplomas after graduation. They attended a reception held for all graduates after the ceremony.

The seniors line up before entering Palmer Hall. They were filled with nervousness and anticipation.







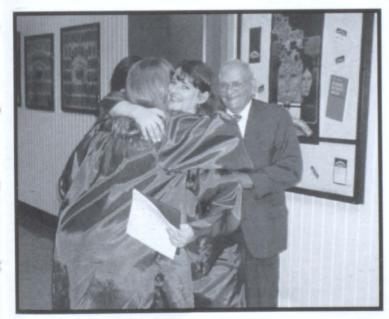
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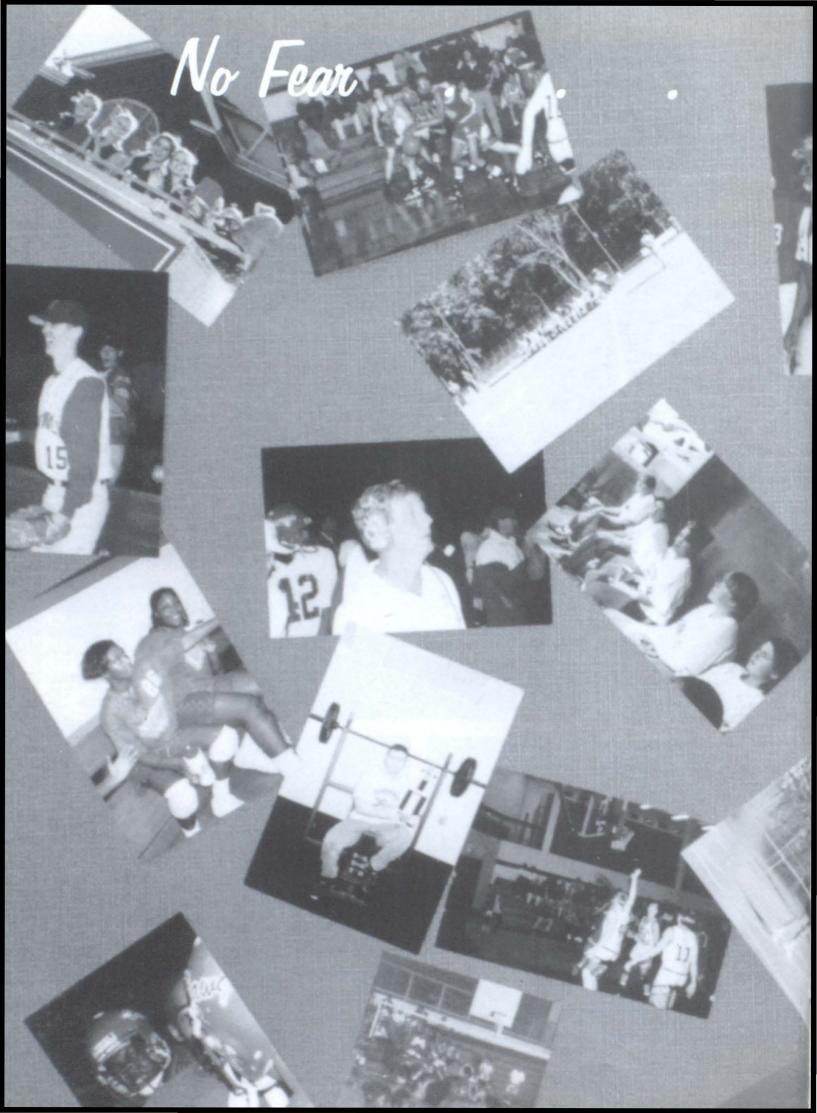


D.J. Horton, Landon Barnett, and Felf Harper celebrate after the excitement of finally graduating.

Lisa Register helps Fred Hall dress for his cap and gown pictures. This was a preview of the real event which occurred on May thirtieth.

Melissa Hamby and Fulie Anderson share a congratulatory hug after picking up their diplomas.





. and No Disappointments

few words that described the year in sports. Hard work and lots of after school practice may for a very thrilling and entertaining year.

The basketball team did well this year. The J.V. boys won the county townsment. The Varsity boys were runner-up for the Area Championships.

Two teams got new coaches this year. Special education teacher Melanie the tennis team to a 4-5 season. The boys golf team also got a new wath teacher, coached them to area wins

Many school records were broken by the track team. Juniors James Brown, Milan Chappell, Katrina Staffney and sophomore Shontua Ray all got in the record book for their achievements.

The cheerleaders were recognized for many awards at UCA camp including second place in the cheer competition. I'm really glad that we did well mainly because this was my senior year. It made this my most memorable year, "said Kelly Fochtmann.

The athletes had many things to be proud of this year. They went in hoping to do their best, fearlessly, and were not disappointed.

Push'em back

Waaaaaay back

The football season was an amazing and exciting one to witness. With wonderful efforts by D 7 Horton, and Tim Alexander, and dazzling displays of speed by Shontua Ray, the season was destined to be a success. Shontua Ray finished the season by rushing for over 1300 yards. He was newarded with All-County, All-Metro, and an All-Star honorable mention honors. D 7 Horton also received honors for All-County and made second team All-Metro. Fames Brown and Milan Chappell made the All-County team and earned All-Metro honorable mentions. Senion Paul Fones and Brian

Wolfe received All-Metro mentions. Tim Alexander, Tim Durham, and Brian Wolfe were awarded All-County honorable mentions.

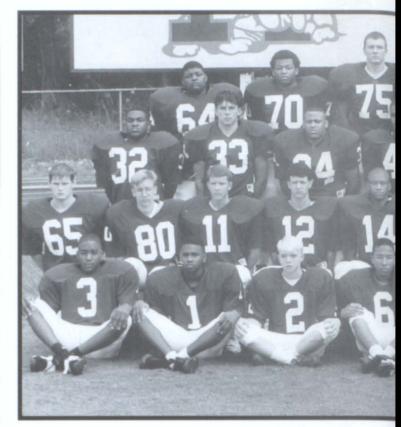
The Bulldogs kicked off the season by trampling over the Calera Eagles. They were on the road to success after that. The Bulldogs made it all the way to the first round of the state playoffs, where they lost to Thomasville.

The amount of talent, and dedication on this team was what led them to a great season. The young team members met again for a strong spring practice with high hopes of another great year!

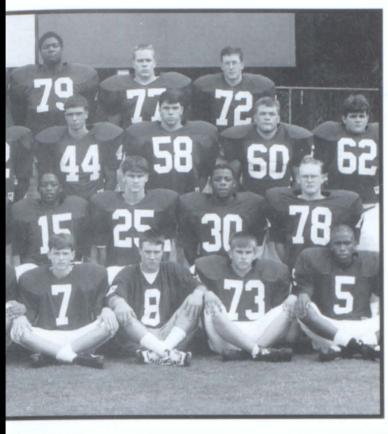


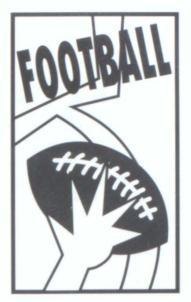
Senior captains D7 Horton and Tim Alexander meet their competition at the fifty before the kickoff of another great rivalry.

Shontua Ray breaks a tackle for a first down. His speed was crucial to the Dogs explosive ollense.



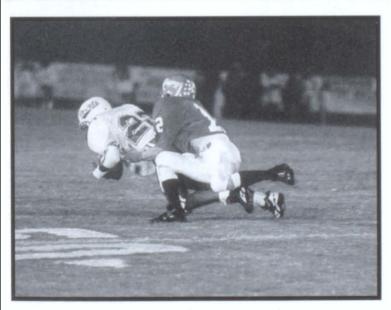






Front: M. Chappell, A. Fitts, K. Lucas, C. Salter, D. Epperson, A. Reid, F. Smithermen, F. Brown. Second: F. Eaton, F. Blake, B. Bamberg, L. Hensley, H. Silas, A. Chism, P. Fones, S. Ray, F. Stutts. Third: M. Lamar, F. Pierce, I. Alexander, F. King, K. Fohnson, D. Watson, D.F. Horton, F. Davis. Back: F. Lilly, S. Durham, B. Wolfe, R. Marshall, A. Haynie, and W. Stone.





Teammates Fames Brown and Ray Marshall rush the offense and bring down the Hornets.

Coach Pierson, in his "good luck" hat, stares at the referee and questions the last call.

Lee Hensley brings down his man for a four yard loss!







PLAYTHG OH THE HET

L cosing four of the six starters from last year's team, the varsity team overcame many obstacles and met the challenge.

As the season flew by, so did the balls that were hit to the opponents. Under the leadership of Team Captain Ann Fulgham, and Co-Captain Alisha Holmes, the team celebrated many victories.

Many awards were given to the Lady Bulldogs including the All-Tournament Team Award given to Katrina Staffney. At the Annual Sports Banquet awards were given to Sherry Bice-Most Improved, Katrina Staffney-Most Valuable Player, and to Alisha Holmes for Permanent Team Captain.

The line-up may have been a little confusing at first, but after several practices the volleyball team had it down pat. From serving, to setting, to spiking the Lady Bulldogs worked very hard and conducted a terrific season. With many players rotating in and out, the line-up worked perfectly and was a big success.

"The season was very much fun and 7 enjoyed it", said Senior Alisha Holmes about the 1995 season.

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Stephanie Edwards
Erin Houser
Melinda Okrush
Veronica Lamar (Asst. Coach)
April Chappell
Alisha Holmes (Team Captain)
Sherry Bice
LaNisha Cartwell
Katrina Staffney (Co-Captain)
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Ann Fulgham

Kathy Spease (Head Coach)







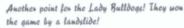


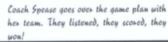


Volleyball











"The 1995 Volleyball Team was wonderful, ladies excelling in athletics."

- Asst. Coach Veronica Lamar







Katrina Staffney displays her trophy for Shelby County All-Tournament Team. Ann Fulgham also received this award.

Stephanie Edwards soars the ball over the net. With the help of the team the Bulldogs scored another point.

Volleyball 69

SPRINGING TO VICTORY ATHLETES GIVE THEIR ALL



"There were a lot of times when we were tired and frustrated, but we always did our best and worked as a team."

• Erin Houser



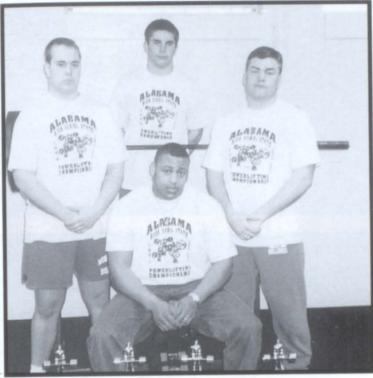


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"It took a lot of hand training to win, but it was definitely worth it in the end."

Stevan Lucas





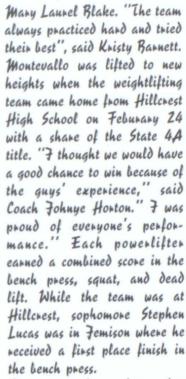






With much determination and hard work, Junior Varsity Football and Funior Varsity Volleyball teams had extraordinary seasons, while weightlifting definitely had an impact on the school. 70 football, led by Coach Fohnye Horton, began their the season with a huge victory over Chelsea. The young Dogs then beat Shelby County and posted a linal record of 4-3. "They were a tough team and practiced extremely hard" said Coach Horton. All the hard work and determination paid off when the Bulldogs ended with a winning

Also practicing hard was the 7V volleyball team, coached by Veronica Lamar-McAlpine. With practice starting during the summer, the team was ready when the season began. The girls were led by team captain Tasha Brown and Co-Captain



These teens have shown that hard work and determination do pay off.



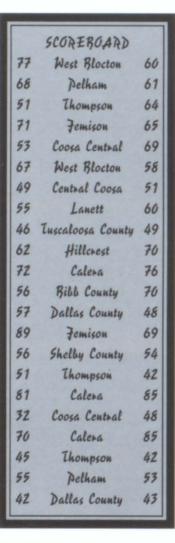
Bust Brown and Michael McGraw catch their breath after a stunning play. The freshmen led the young Bulldogs to another winning season.

Royant Hudson cools down on the sideline. He was hot from many great plays!

Powerlifters share the state title! Earning top honors were Tim Alexander, Andy Haynie, Fosh Smitherman and DF Horton.

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Senior Cedric Brown jumps high for a stam dunk. His efforts helped secure a victory over Calera.

With their ritual warm-up, the Bulldogs get ready for a perfect game.







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he Montevallo Bulldog basketball team was navishing this uear. With Undrae Lilly, Milan Chappell, and Fames Brown leading the team they were sure to have a fun and exciting season. Considerable recognition was given Bulldogs during the course of the season. Such awards were achieved after the 1-1 performance in the tournament, Fanuary 29-February 7 at Thompson. Some awards went to Undrae Lilly who made the Birmingham News All-Metro Team. All-County Team, and the 1st squad All-State Team. He also led the team in scoring 26 points per game collecting 558 points this season. "Knowing 7 was the only junion, it was a real priviledge to make All-State." said Undrae Lilly. Other honorable mentions for All-County were Milan Chappell, Fames Brown, and Cedric Brown.

The most memorable game this season was the victory over Calera in the first round of the Shelby County Tournament before falling short in the semi-final game against Thompson. The biggest highlight of the season was the 51-42 victory at home over arch rival Thompson. "7 really enjoyed my senior year on the team even though we didn't play to our potential at times." said Brian Wolfe.

Other tournaments the Bulldogs participated in were the Opelika Holiday Tournament and the Shades Valley Tournament. Overall, the season ended with the Bulldogs doing their best!



Fames Brown goes up for a successful block. He helped lead the Bulldogs in scoring against Calera.

The Bulldogs are in action as they set up their defense against Pelham.

Matt Paulik is on alert as he attempts to pass the half.





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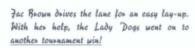
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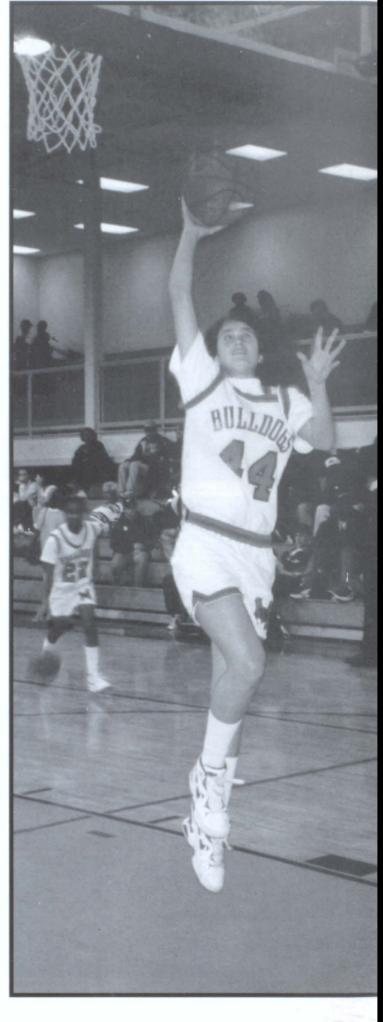
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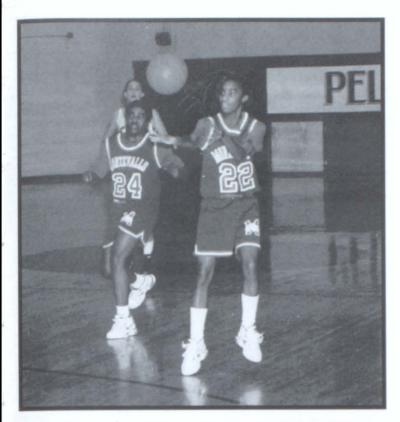


LaQuita Coleman looks on as April Chappell warms up for a three pointer. Their talents led the Dogs to a successful season.





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The Lady Bulldogs did not expect a minacle but hoped for a good season. Yet the stars were not on their side. With only one returning starter, the team got off to a fair start. They did not overcome all of their obstacles, but the season was overall a fairly good one. "We played our best at all times, but we did not always rise to our expectations," said senior LaQuita Coleman.

Lanisha Cartwell led the team for half the season, but after an injury Marquette Anderson stepped in to fill her shoes. April Chappell also did some "shoe filling" on the offense as well as on the defense. According to April she felt she had to improve to help her team. Even though the Lady Dogs had a lot of ups and

downs, they still went on to defeat Femison to capture the Area 7 Runner-Up position. They competed in the first round of the State Playoffs before falling to Sumter County. "Despite the losses we had this year, we are looking forward to a winning season next year," stated Tyeshia Prentice.

Many members received awards throughout the season. April Chappell, Marquette Anderson, and Katrina Staffney were named to the All-

Area Tournament Team and Katrina Staffney was named to the All-County Team. Lanisha Cartwell was named Honorable Mention All-Metro. The Lady Bulldogs hoped to improve next year with four returning start-

LaTasha Summerlin takes a pass as she and Katrina Staffney rush the court to try for two more points. LaTasha got plenty of playing time, even if she was 'just a freshman'.

Katrina Staffney struggles against a crowd of panthers to get off a shot before the buzzer. She received All-County recognition for her efforts.

1996 LADY BULLDOGS
Front: Fac Brown, Erin Houser, Tyeshia Prentice, Pam Brown, LaTasha Summerlin.
Back: April Chappell, Katrina Staffney, Marquette Anderson, LaNisha Cartwell, LaQuita
Coleman, Haley Mitchell, and Fohnye Horton
(Coach).

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JUST TRY AND STOP US!

It seemed as though the Junior Varsity Bulldogs were unbeatable this year. IHEH WERE! They swept the County Tournament this year and won the title. Key players were P.J. Gilmore and Gary Reed. The road to victory was led by Coach Charles Averhart. The JU team just could not get enough playing time, they were determined to win and win big!

Newcomer, Robert George took a shot as the B-Team coach. They also had a winning season. Key players for them were Brian Hudson and Steven Durham. During midseason, juniors Matt Pawlik and Donald Clayton moved up to Varsity play from the B-team. This allowed some FV players to get on the court again." Fenjoyed my first season as a basketball coach. Fam looking forward to coaching next year's B-Team." said Coach George.

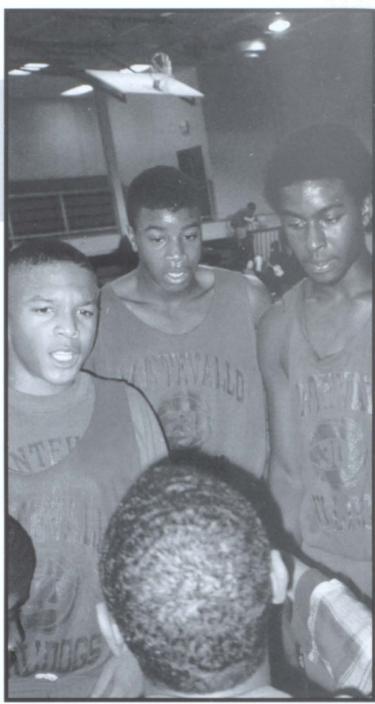
The FU girls were led by David Richardson, a teacher at MMS. This team was made up of mostly eighth grade girls and a few freshmen. The girls worked hard all season long, but the team was young and hoped to improve next year.

Coach Averhart explains the next play to freshmen Kyle Henderson, Leonard Fulgam, and Renaldo Summerlin. He led the team to an undefeated season and the county championship.

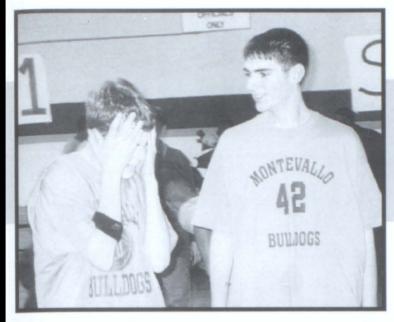
Funior Varsity team members gather for a picture to show off their new Shelby County Iournament FFRSI PLACE trophy!. They went undefeated!

County Champions: Travis Smith, Leonard Fulgham, McShan Walker, Kyle Henderson, Presley Gilmore, Keaton Santa Cruz, and Renaldo Summerlin.



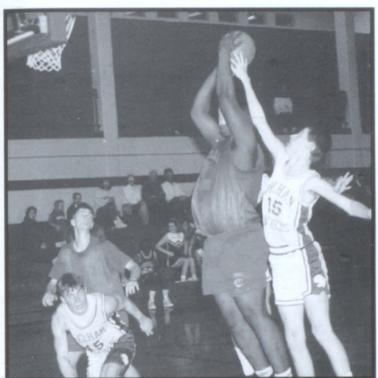


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McShan Walker throws his hands over his face in frustration during a tough practice. Keaton Santa Cruz encouraged him to keep trying.







Erin Houser dribbles while she thinks about how to elude her defender. She escaped and went up for the score!

Ray Marshall ignores an attempted block from a Pelham panther. He added two points for the B-Team Bulldogs!

Front: Leonard Fulgham, Brent McChesney, Renaldo Summerlin, Anthonio Chism, Presley Gilmore, Back: Steve Durham, Travis Smith, Ray Marshall, Robert George (Coach), Keaton Santa Cruz, Bryant Hudson, and Johnny King.

We've Got the SPIRIT

Led by Head Cheerleader, Julie Anderson, the girls worked tremendously hard for many hours. They attended the UCA Cheerleading camp at the University of Montevallo during the summer. They won all blue and gold superior ribbons for cheers, chants, dance and stunts. The squad won a second place trophy in the Varsity cheer division. And for their performance at summer camp, the girls were asked to attend the Citrus Rowl. This was the second year in a row for the squad to have a such a great opportunity. The girls had to work several weekends to raise enough money to attend this big event.

The squad had a new addition during football season this year, it was the first year in a long time for the school to have a mascot. Terri Wood filled the costume and the role very well. The mascot was loved by all of

the 'little kids' and was a great spirit booster!

Seniors Julie Anderson and Libby Nathews attended the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City with more than Z,000 other girls from Universal Cheerleading Association. This was Julie's second year to participate in this national event. While in New York she and Libby went to the Statue of Liberty, saw the Rockettes perform, and visited many other attractions in the Rig Apple.

Co-Head, Libby Nathews was asked to try out for Universal Cheerleading Association. She was extremely excited when she found out she would be working with UCA camps during the summer. "The try-outs were very difficult but 7 did my best," said Libby, "7 feel it will be a wonderful opportunity for me. 7'll be able to do something that 7 love and get paid for it."









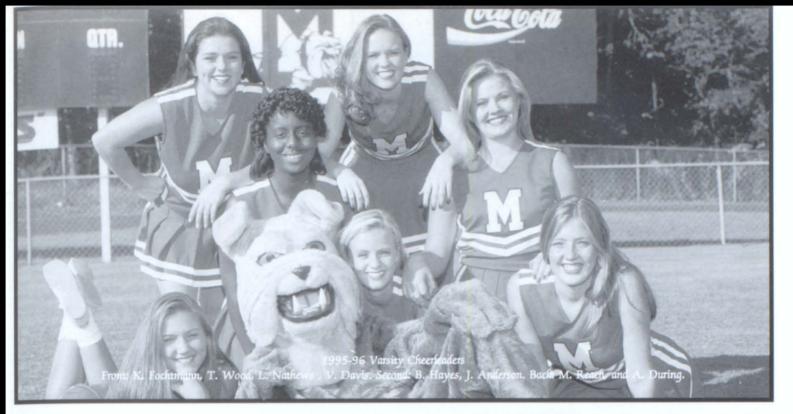


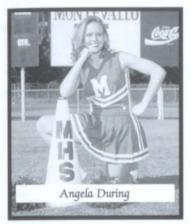
Angela During instructs an elementary student with a cheer at the Little Girls Clinic held during Homecoming week. The girls performed the cheer at the Homecoming pep rally.

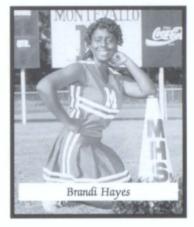
Valinda Davis and Brandi Hayes cheer with the Bulldog while riding on the firetruck during the Homecoming parade.

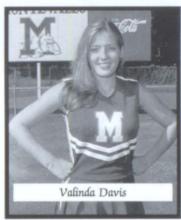


78 Varsity Cheerleaders













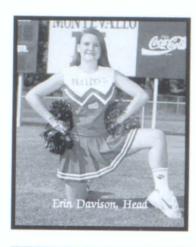




Julie Anderson displays enthusiasm during the dance performed by the cheerleaders at the Homecoming pep rally. The dance was a crowd pleaser.

Leading the crowd through the popular cheer, ''Want to be a Bulldog,'' Kelly Fochtmann gives her all. Kelly has given her all for four years.

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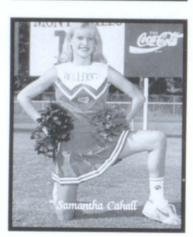


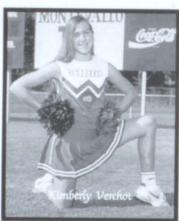






Tiffany Chappell, Co-Head

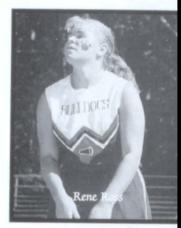




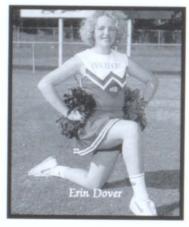
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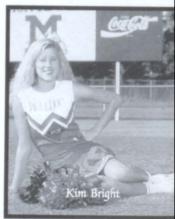
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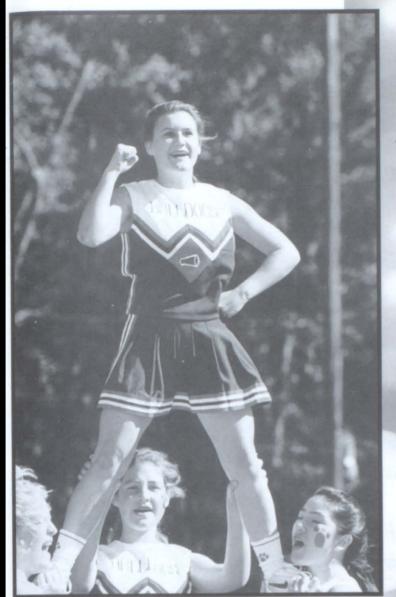












HOT TO GO!

nother year of flying colors has flown by for the 1995-1996 B-Team cheenleading squad. Led by head cheenleaden Enin Davison, the team showed a great deal of vitality while cheering at all FV and B-Team football and basketball games. The squad consisted of nine enthusiastic newcomers and three skilled veterans. Sponsoned by Valonie Vaughn, the girls earned a number of awards at Universal Cheenleading Association summer camp at the University of Montevallo. Co-head Emily Nathews won the 'jump-off' contest. This year's B-Team was invited to Onlando, Florida to attend the Citrus Rowl because of their achievements at camp. They visited Disney World, Universal Studios, and many other attractions while in Orlando. The squad attributed their success to hand work and dedication and a sincere desire to be the very best. "F've really enjoyed being a cheerleader my freshman year. It was time consuming and frustrating, but it was a lot of fun!" said Charlotte Bouldin. The 1995-96 FU and B-Team athletic year was filled with spirit thanks to this enthusiastic group of cheenleaders. The B-Team linished a great year together and some advanced to the Varsity squad for the 1996-97 school year.

Head cheerleader, Erin Davison directs the squad through a number of cheers. She did a tremendous job leading the B-Team this year.



B-Team Cheerleaders: K. Verchot, S. Cahall, E. Davison, J. Ballentine. Second Row: K. Bright, E. Nathews, R. Ross. Back Row: C. Bouldin, L. Acker, D. Thompson, and E. Dover.



Kimberly Verchot demonstrates total concentration while blaring out a popular cheer. This was Kimberly's second year as a B-Teamer.

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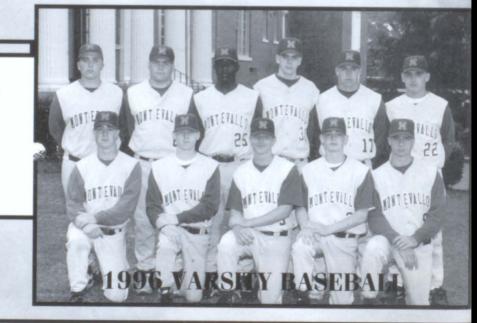
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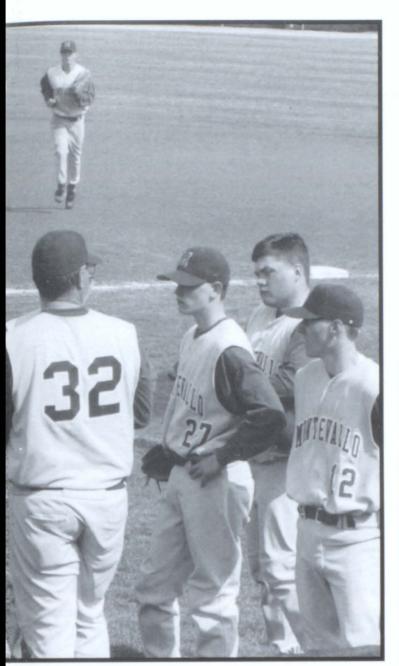
B A L L The 1995-96 season was an extremely challenging one for the bulldogs. With only three returning seniors the bulldogs struggled to be the best. Leading the team were All-County recipients Brad Bamberg and David Epperson. Providing stability to the pitching staff, Bamberg and Epperson also added strength, speed, and encouragement.

The three seniors, D. J. Horton, David Watson, and Landon Barnett also provided inspiration and leadership. They remained calm during the games and did their best in clutch situations. These characteristics earned Horton, and Watson the honor of permanent team captains. In spite of having a young team, the 'Dogs braved the season in winning style!



Front: Andy Reid, Kevin Clark, Brad Bamberg, David Epperson, Keith Johnson. Back: Landon Barnett, D. J. Horton, Anthonio Chism, Donald Clayton, David Watson, and Josh Williams.









Coach Raybon prepares to 'pep up' the team before taking the field.

Susie De Ment figures E.R.A.'s for the bulldog pitchers. She and many other faithful fans made it a great season for the Dogs.



Front: Keith Pridgen, Matt Walker, Bean Blake, Kyle Henderson, Donny Sisco. Back: Fermaine Mitchell, Zac Craig, Keaton Santa Cruz, Chris Adams, Adam Webb, and Willie McHeal.

A Season

The softball team faced many challenges during the 1996 season. They overcame many obstacles and defeated teams like Thorsby, West Blocton, and others.

Every afternoon after school they were seen on the field practicing and playing hard. They worked on fielding and batting. These difficult practices paid off in the games.

The end of the season finally came and so did the sectional tournament in Tarrant. The Lady Dogs played with great skill and determination and it really paid off when they placed second and advanced to Sub-State competition. They suffered a painful loss to Tallassee at the tournament but finished the season with the knowledge that they had succeeded in meeting all of their preseason goals.

They were coached by firstyear teacher and coach, Veronica Lamar-McAlpine. She was worked as hard as they did, earning their respect and encouraging them to "keep on keeping on"!

Fac Brown concentrates on the ball. She smashed the ball and advanced the runner.

Dana Kemp scores! The Lady Bulldogs scored many times this season with Dana's help.

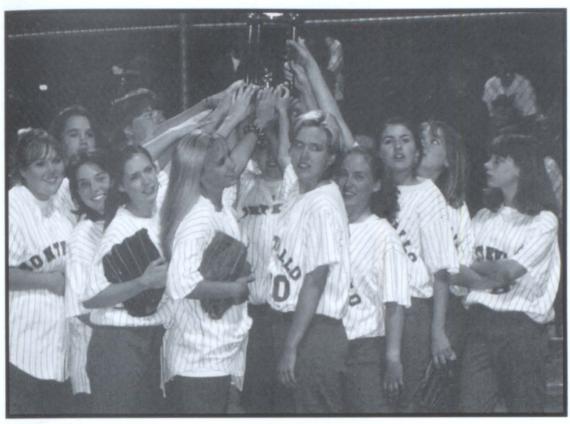






84 Softball

To Remember









The Lady Dogs celebrate winning second place in the sectional tournament in Tarrant.

Ellen Dickett tosses the ball in an attempt to strike out the player.

Shortstop Rachel Bearden readies to catch the next ball. She let very few balls get by.



GO LADY BULLDOGS

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For tennis and golf players, it was never just swinging, it took skill and hours of practice to perfect the necessary skills to be competitive in these individual events. The golf team definitely learned the meaning ofendurance as they spent hours practicing their swings, working on putting, and trying to please their coaches. Fan Rogers was the girl's coach, while first year teacher, Paul Morris, took over the boys team. Both golf teams won several matches and participated in the sectional tournament.

The tennis team also had a new coach, Melanie Ray. She met this new challenge with hard work and dedication. Another new aspect of the season was the use of new tennis courts built by the city. Every day after school, the team practiced hard, worked on serves, ground strokes, and volleys. Although it was grueling, all of that trouble paid off. The team won many singles and doubles matches during the season and placed third in the sectional tournament. "The really think we had a great season, everyone gave their best at the games," said sophomore player Margaret Daum.

Tennis players were not the only ones who tried their best. The golfers also gave their best effort. Each team had seniors who graduated as well as underclassmen who planned to come back strong next spring!

With perfect form, Loren Leigh Mc Anally returns a serve like a pro. Ground strokes like this earned Loren several wins.

April Dailey, a freshman golfer, tees off in a match against McAdory High School. Her seventeen point lead secured the win for the team!

Sanah Pawlik and Gnetchen Seelbach nelax after beating McAdony. They were getting in some last minute practice before the sectional tournament.



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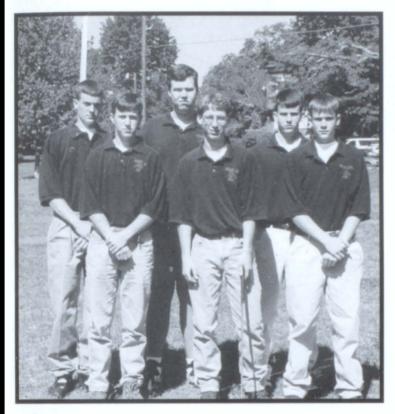


86 Golf and Tennis

A Swingin'

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Fay McGaughy takes a practice swing. Fay finished his fourth year on the team with plans to continue his golf career.

Golf Team: Chandler Russ, Foey Helms, Brent McChesney. Back: Grant McChesney, Matt Walker, and Fay Mc-Gaughy.

Tennis Team: Loni Lyle, Christie Butche, Melanie Ray (Coach), Lauren Ryerson, Margaret Daum. Back: Lauren Hendon, Kim Nelson, Mary Beth Rodgers, Loren McAnally, Cherie Stobert, Erin Ryerson, and Kiera Rutledge.

Tennis and Golf 87



On The

The track team started off on the right foot. Not only did the team grow in size, they grew in ability also. "F was very pleased with the numbers this year and 7 think it is very evident of the ability we possess to compete with many other schools", said Coach Williams. The team increased from last years nine runners to this years twenty-four nunners. With five junious, four sophomores, and

lilteen freshmen, numerous records were broken. They had many meets this year that left them with a great record. Overall, Montevallo finished with a third place victory in the State Track Meet.

As the busy season came to an end, the runners left behind their successes of 1996 while making plans for an even better 1997.





Undrea Lilly, Fames Brown, Milan Chappell, and Shantua Ray not only made a new school second, they also seceived first place in the 4 x 100 M Relay at the State

Zack Layman performs a stunt while Johnny King prepares to take a hurdle. Their performance was vital to the team's thind place finish at the state competition.

Katrina Staffney plunges toward the finish line in hopes of a first place victory. She was one of the four qualifiers for the Girl's State Track Meet.



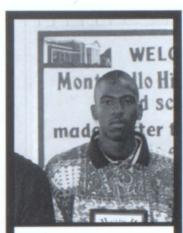
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4th	4x400 Relay	Walker, Ray, Chappell, Brown
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4×400	3.30	Walker, Ray, Chappell, Brown
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Right Track







"I came out this year and fulfilled my goal of winning for a second year the 400-meter State Championship and I hope to win my third consecutive next year."

James Brown

With a burst of power, Shontua Ray starts the relay team off right. Along with a new school record, the guys placed first in the state.





Track 89

Organizations

and everything else

Montevallo High School, organizations played a big role in the lives of students. Organizations such as Student Council, Peer Helpers, and National Honor Society were based upon leadership skills and character. The Student Council did much for the school and community. It held another successful blood drive in collecting 93 pints of blood. Another group that helped to improve the school were the Peer Helpers. These were selected students chosen to give advice and encourage other students with problems. Other organizations were judged on attendance and participation like FFA, FHA, and FCA. One way organizations helped the school was by participating in various fund-raisers such as the new carnival.

Overall, being in different organizations was just one way to give students the ability to express themselves in a positive manner.

Horns Up!

Inoubadors turned out another great season. This year's spectacular show included an opener composed by Mr. Weese, called Shangri-La. Mext came a rousing tune, Chiquita, with a drum solo in the middle. But those two tunes were only a hint of what was to come. The final number, Space Odyssey began when Todd Seales and Grant McChesney performed a duet on trumpets. Then, the band played the theme from Star Trek while moving into a star-shaped formation. The Imperial March followed, and then, almost magically, drum major Dawn Brasher walked out to meet ET while the troubadors played his theme. Children of all ages went crazy over ET. His appearance was the highlight of halftime entertainment.

"Marching band was a lot of fun this year. Being drum major meant a lot to me and 7 really enjoyed it. The show was great!" remarked Dawn Brasher. But she was not the only one who enjoyed the show. At an area competition, the band received all ONES, a perfect score, and placed as the second most entertaining band. Hone of this came easily, though. Band members spent every morning for two months in band camp, perfecting their marching skills and training for the show. As always, this year's marching band was a great success, and with well-seasoned players for next year, it looked forward to another perfect season in the 1996 marching season.





ET, played by Lee Lyle, was a big part of the show this year. Her performance helped the band make second most entertaining at the area competition.

Foseph Stone stands at attention as the band marches into the stands. The drummers were vital to keeping the band in step.



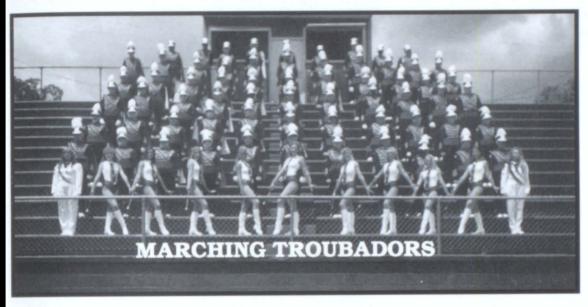
Marching Troubadors





"The season was one of our best. The band had a great show and a wonderful year!"

- drum major, Dawn Brasher





The bells were ringing as the brass blasted out the notes of 'Hey Baby'. This was one of the band's many crowd-pleasing favorites. Roxanne Glass concentrates on her music while sitting in the stands. The troubadors helped keep the football spirit high during the games.



The troubadors strike a pose during band camp. Mr. Weese knew that practice makes perfect, so they worked every day until it was right.

BEAT

Beautiful Beautiful

Leaders of the Pack

Reing "leaders of the pack", the majorettes had to start early. They started by practicing at 6:00 AM during the summer. They also sweated through camp in Huntsville and band camp in August to smooth out their routines.

During the season many problems arose. For six weeks Tracy Rogers watched from the stands because of emergency surgery in the middle of the season. Daphne Duren sliced her finger and twirled without a baton for two weeks. Some in the stands never noticed the difference! The funniest moment for the team was when Daphne Duren lost her boot heel while going down into the splits during a halftime show. "With nine majorettes, we thought it would be a rough year but we made it through," said Tracy Rogers. Overall, through the good and the bad times, the nine pulled together to secure a superior rating at a contest in Brewton, Alabama.

With smiling faces and batons in hand, these girls were surely the leaders of the pack.

Drum majors Dawn Brasher and Rebecca Marsh keep the beat of "Chiquita" together. They earned a ONE at competition.

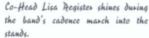
Rebecca Marsh pauses before her salute. Drum majors were perfect all year long.

Kristie Adams and Tina Smith 'ham it up' and flash pretty smiles while cheering in the spirit line.

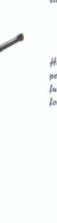








Hannah Scott ends her routine with a perfect pose. Hannah's first year was full of surprises and many great performances.









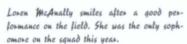












Tracy Rogers always has a bubbling smile during her performances. This was her second year twirling.

Head majorette Sarah Pawlik strikes a pose for the crowd at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Pawlik led the squad to a perfect score at competition.



Daphne Duren glows with excitement after she finishes a routine. She enjoyed her last year with a baton.

Someone catches junior Rachel Bearden's eye while she poses for a picture. Rachel always kept those toes pointed.

Majorettes and Drum Majors 95



Symphonic bands members knew what it was like to sit on a stage with peers all around, horn in hand and music in front of them. They knew what that pressure was like. They were judged in front of countless others in the audience all would expect perfection. This was a scary reality for many, especially for less experienced members of the symphony. Fustead of crumbling under the pressure, MHS musicians showed what they were really made of. For the first time in a while, the band made all ONES, a perfect score, on class double A music at the state competition. Since the symphonic band is only in class C, this was a pretty spectacular feat.

A new idea in the band room this year was "Student of the Month." Every month, Mr. Weese would choose on student who stood out from all the others. At the end of the year, one student was select for "Student of the Year. One student from each grade was also recognized. The senior recognized was Christy Butcke, and the juniors Andre Wynn and Heather Beaty tied for the honor. The outstanding sophomore was Ray Garza, while Lauren Ryerson an Perry Lawley were the freshmen recipients. These were not the only ones who worked hard, however, every student put forth much effort. Every day they practiced, for at least an hour, because every band student knows . . .

Practice Makes Perfect



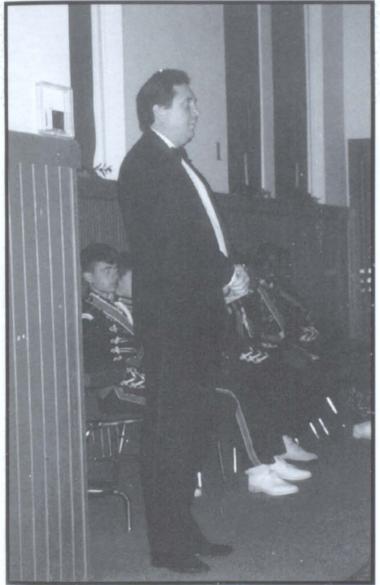






Flutes Kathy Stungis, Louise Canson, Lonen McAnally, and Roxanne Glass concentrate white practicing Mannin Veen. A ten minute piece, it certainly took hard work on everyone's part.

With watchful eyes, the back now of trumpets await Mn. Weese's cue. Without these vital signals, many band members would have been lost.







Rand director Fim Weese anxiously waits for the chorus to finish so the symphonic band can take the stage. Even after many years of directing the band, it is still possible to be nervous!

After a faultless performance at state competition, the band anxiously anticipates the judges' scores. They had little reason to worry, for they were awarded a perfect score.

rama class was one where each student performed for others. They gave something back to their school much like other organizations. The Theatre Arts class performed their winter production "The Frog Prince" in December to a delighted crowd. They conducted two performances, the first for elementary school students and the second for all in the community who wanted to attend. The admission was one dollar lor students and two dollans for adults. There was a good crowd at the evening performance and the afternoon presentation for the youngsters

was enthusiastically neceived! Resides there being 'new' drama students in theatre arts for the 1995-1996 year, there was also a new teacher, Michelle George. Even though it was her first year as a drama coach, she did a great job. The winter play drew great reviews from the audience.

Aroblems in scheduling and funding led to the cancellation of the spring production, but some dedicated thespians performed in a tax rally at Thompson High School. They were a huge success and their contribution was greatly appreciated.



The east of the of the play "The Frog Prince". All of these students have been involved with performing for others much of their lives.

Loven Lucus helps prepare the set for The Frog Prince, the winter play. She was also a princess in this play, it was her second year in Theatre Arts.

Stephanie Ford uses skills she acquired in "Ag" classes to help build a set. She helped to build the thrown for the eastle.



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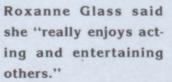


Thespians in Action











Wade Berry said "he hopes to continue his acting career in college." He has been an active member since his freshman year.



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Roxanne Glass gives a few last minute touches to Elizabeth Hamilton's costume. Both girls were in the winter production.

Gretchen Seelbach applies Fohnathan Williams makeup for his part as the frog in the winter production. This was his first play and Gretchen's last one.

Hrs. George gives her students a last minute pep talk before one of their performances. This was her first year as a theatre teacher.

Front: Lyson Tryon, D.7. Horton Erin Ryerson, Wade Berry, Corcy Burnett, Carrie Smitherman, Michelle George, Director. Second: Roxanne Glass, Angelica Gilley, Angie Hamilton, Elizabeth-Hamilton, Maggie Plott, Christine Simmer, Marl Schaefer. Back: Fulic Scarborough, Christic Brantley, Reggic Tripp, Daphne Bolden, Katharine Minour, Gretchen Scelbach, and Angela Johnson.

Gretchen Seelbach cries after losing her golden ball, but as in most fairy tales there was a happy ending.

Theatre Arts 99



Choir members put on several good shows this year. They rehearsed every day during their first period class with Mrs. Butz. Choir students this year were mainly freshmen with a few sophomores and juniors. They gave a Christmas concert and sang at the annual Christmas assembly the day before the holidays began.

Freshmen members Shelley Brasher, Mistie Burnett, Melissa Church and Katherine Malley were selected to join the Shelby County Show Choir. They traveled with the show choir to events and competitions throughout the area. They were awarded second place finish at the choral competition.

Eric Fones takes a deep breath while Rebecca Ladewig looks up to Markela Lawley before the start of their first performance. This was her first year in the MHS Choir.

1844. Butz directs her choir during a practice session. They practiced every day to become the best that they could be!



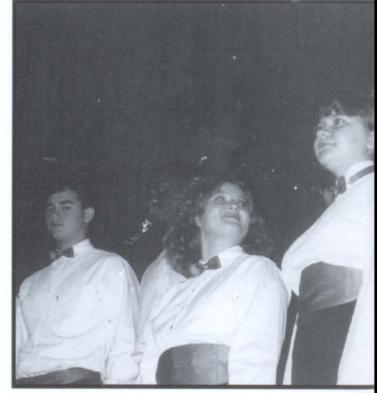




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Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Kim Melson, Hannah Scott, Josh Smitherman, Amy Stone, Charlotte Bouldin, Jessica Ballentine, Katrina Staffney. Middle: Fermaine Mitchell, Tim Alexander, Andy Haynie, Willie Stone, Thad Walker, D.J. Horton. Back: Ray Marshall, Zach Layman, Brian Wolfe, and sponsor, Robert George.

BELIEUE

members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Priority went the extra mile this year. Their members were truly dedicated to the cause. Their purpose was to provide a student-directed activity for those who were interested.

Meetings were held at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays for First Priority and 7:15 AM for FCA. Both organizations were involved in many worthwhile community projects. The FCA joined with the Student Council during Christmas holidays to deliver turkeys to needy families in the area. First Priority encouraged others to join them "under the flag pole for a national day of prayer.

First Priority members: Felf Harper, Charlotte Bouldin, Hannah Scott, Lori Lyle, Cheric Stobert, Dawn Brasher, Amy Stone, Fessica Ballentine, Laurel Horsley. Back: Stacie Pickett, Lisa Register, Kristie Lawley, Willie Stone, Each Layman, Brian Wolfe, D. F. Horton, and sponsor, Wally Rlanton.

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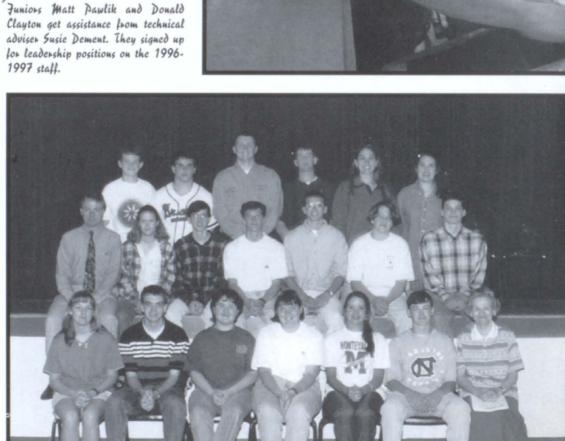
ith forty-eight years of experience, the Spotlight has many, many years more to go. It was an excellent year for the staff with many new faces. Adviser Larry Haynes took the group to the Scholastic Press Association's Spring Convention at the University of Alabama. There they won a total of nineteen individual awards including many first places prizes. They were also one of only two schools to win the All-Alabama award. This was the third consecutive time they had won the prestigious award.

Tri-Editors were seniors Rebecca Marsh, Sarah Pawlik, and Gretchen Seelbach. Sports editor was senior Fay McGaughy. All staff members worked extra hard to make sure each article was turned in on time to these editors. It paid oll.

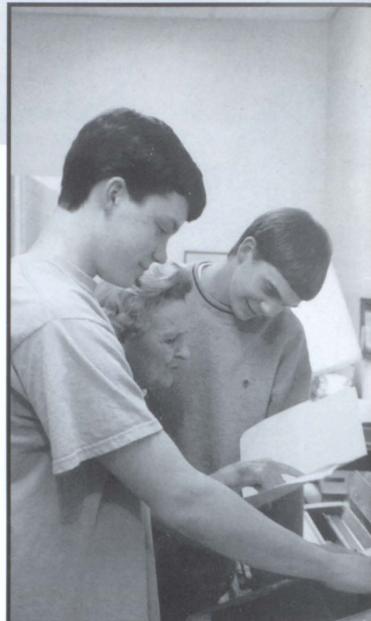
The Spotlight continued to keep the student body aware of local, national, and international news. It also was a sounding board for expressing concerns and opinions that ellected everyone in some way.



Spotlight members: Matt Walker, Josh Smitherman, Brian Wolfe, Jay McGaughy, Sarah Pawlik, Gretchen Seelbach, adviser Larry Haynes, Kathy Sturgis, John Horton, Perry Lawley, Zach Layman, Danny Butcke, Matt Pawlik, Dawn Brasher, Donald Clayton, Kristie Lawley, Christy Butcke, Landie Acker, David Epperson, technical adviser Susie Dement.







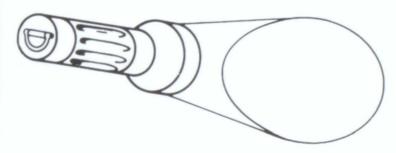
the SPOTLIGHT

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Iri-Editors Rebecca Marsh, Gretchen Seelbach, and Sarah Pawlik worked diligently to continue the Spotlight winning ways!

Staffers Christy Rutche and Matt Pawlik look at the map of the prom site. The Spotlight provided a copy which prevented most students from getting lost.

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Taking One Page

This year the 1996 Montala stall made the decision to do things a little bit differently. After winning an award at camp for Best Theme Development the staff was off to a good start. One change included not having senior editors, instead four iunions took on those responsibilities. Maggie Plott and Katrina Staffney were named co-editors, and Andrea Wynn and Dawn Fochtmann were named layout editor and copy editor respectively. With a total of seven neturning veterens, the staff felt they had a strong backbone for the upcoming year. Without the six rookies things would not have run that smoothly. "I felt rookies played an important part this year." said Hunter Lawley. The staff raised over thirteen thousand dollars to pay for the 1996 edition.

The biggest change for 1996 was the decision the go with a fall delivery yearbook. "It was a tough decision to make, but how can we improve the yearbook if we don't take chances" stated Advisor Fan Rogers. The new book featured sixteen color pages along with a mini magazine of current events.

Rookie Sandy Fochtmann writes captions for her football spread. The page was on time and she met her deadline just in time!



The 1996 editorial staff includes: Co-Editors, Maggie Plott and Katrina Staffney, Layout editor, Andrea Wynn, Advisor, Fan Rogers, and Copy editor, Dawn Fochtmann.

Katrina Staffney goes over a few layout assignments with "rookie" Nikki Hudson. With Katrina's help Nikki completed her assignments right on time.



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Layout editor, Andrea Wynn, sighs at the thought of editting another page. She was tired of counting picas, checking for three point lines and so on.

Casey Rawnes and Maggie Plott work at the computers to meet a deadline. They were often frustrated with the new technology, but their efforts were worth it.

Hunter Lawley cringes and hides at the thought of writing copy. He finally finished his football layout!





MONTALA 1996: Stephanie Edwards, Mangaret Daum, Katrina Staffney, M aggie Plott, and Nikhi Hudson. (Back) Loren McAnally, Andrea Wynn, Casey Rarnes, Dawn Fochtmann, Ierri Woods, Sandy Fochtmann, Lisa Register, and Hunter Lawely.



Prime Examples

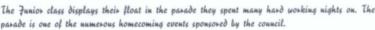
Student council is an organization that helps the school and community. It is comprised of a group of leaders who serve as officers and representatives for the student body. They were elected by popular vote to their positions.

The council sponsors many activities. They began the year by putting together a "Big Brother Big Sister" program which promoted unity between the classes and provided each freshman with a senior advisor. Homecoming activities were also coordinated by the Student Council. They provided the guidelines, time schedules and judges for such activities as wall decorations, floats, dress-up days, pep rally, the penny count, and the parade at the end of the week.

Members worked two events at Thanksgiving and Christmas that benefitted less fortunate families in the community. In the spring, the Red Cross worked with the council to provide a community-wide blood drive.







Tim Alexander gives support to Tarsha Spruel as she gives blood for the first time. Thanks to Tarsha and others the blood drive was a success.

F.Row: R. Marsh, L. Young, C. Lawley, M. Plott, Y. Tolbert, N. Hudson, F. Hall, A. Holmes; Second row: S. Ford, K. Staffney, C. Smitherman, H. Pate, C. Smitherman, L. McAnally, D. Rutledge, D. Allen, M. Lilly; B.Row: T. Alexander, C. Barnes, H. Beaty, D.F. Horton, V. Davis, E. Ryerson, M. Rodgers, A. Wynn, and B. Blake.

L to R: D.F. Hoston (Pres.), Maggie Plott (V. Pres.), Monique Lilly (Sec.), Loren McAnally (Tres.), F. Hall (Publicity), and Melanie Ray (Sponsos).













Caning, giving, and helpful are some of the many qualities of a 'peer helper'. These are students who cared for the well being of others in their school. They were invited into the organization based upon their exemplary status within the student body of the school.

The group attended a camp in the fall that taught them how to help others and how to put their trust in others hands. They would use these skills countless times throughout the school year to quietly assist people in distress.

They sponsored the Christmas dance to celebrate the season and to promote unity. This was the first dance they had arranged. They had such a good turn-out, that they made plans for this to become an annual event.

In addition to the dance, they sponsored a drug awareness week and Prom promise week. The emphasis for both celebrations was to help students stay away from both drugs and alcohol. A large number signed the promise.



Bethany Evans wonders "should 7 be trying this." This was her second year as a peer helper and her second time to 'run the course'!

Front: F. Valentine, L. Young, R. Rose, C. Lauley, C. Simmer, A. Wyatt, S. Dickett, Ind Row: H. Tolbert, L. Ryerson, A. Stone, T. Alexander, W. Berry, M. Dann, K. Czedtelka; Frd Row: L. Gilmore, K. Staffney, W. Stone, B. Evans, L. Horsety, D. F. Horton, F. Harper, L. Register, L. McAnally; Back: A. Wynn, D. Clayton, F. Mitchell, K. Henderson, L. Young, E. Jones, F. Williams, and D. Lauley.

Grechen Seelbach and Amy Stone work together on one of the many obstacles at Camp Winnataska.

The Montevallo Fine and Rescue Department helped stage a 'mock' drunk driving crash site. It was a solemn reminder of the dangers of drinking and driving.

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Peer Helpers



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ational Honor Society and Key Club are two organizations that have involved honor in everyday activities. Students that had an eighty-five average or higher were considered for membership, and were then 'tapped' in the spring of their junior year. Members were selected based on their traits of leadership, scholarship, character, and service. The National Honor Society sponsored many events, including **Toys for Tots**, the eighth grade visit, and Honor Roll receptions.

The Key Club, like the NHS, was involved in many worthwhile public service programs, like the reading program for elementary students.





National Honor Society President, Dawn Brasher speaks at a school assembly. Her leadership shined through throughout out the year.



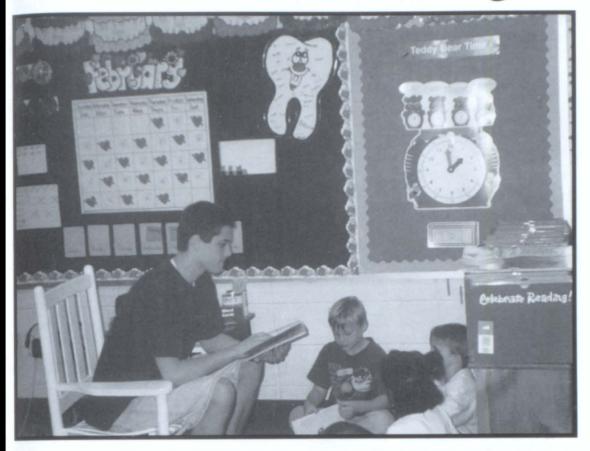
Members: Libby Nathews, Daphne Bolden, Melissa Hamby, Rebecca Marsh, Erin Ryerson, Wade Berry, Christa Steib, Kim Nelson, Chris Whitehead. Second Row: Andy Haynie, Sarah Pawlik, Heather Pate, Valinda Davis, Ebony Johnson, Angie Hamilton, D.J. Horton, Jeff Harper. Back Row: Angela Potts, Jay McGaughy, Kerri Cottingham, Julie Anderson, Christy Butcke, Beth Czerw, Dane Polk, and Brian Wolfe.

Andy Haynie leads 'future freshmen' to the Home Economics building. The eighth grade visit was just one of the many activities sponsored by the National Honor Society.



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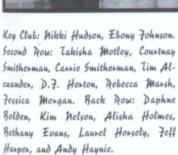




Chas Ruttel entertains the listeners as they read together.







Fessica Morgan amuses the children with a story. Key Club members, like Fessica, enjoyed these sessions just as much as the younger kids.

President, Courtnay Smitherman reads a favorite book to young students. Reading was one of the many activities that the high school and elementary school students did together.



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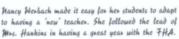
ontevallo High School students prepared for the luture in many ways. While regular courses would begin this preparation, extracurricular activities were often necessary to complete the process. For those thinking of becoming a homemaker, FHA taught them most of what they would need to know. With two new additions to the group, the students experienced some changes in the usual curriculum. The most dramatic change was the retirement of Rose Ellen Hankins and the addition of Mancy Werbach. Haturally, Mrs. Werbach brought her own style and

teaching ability to the job. Another addition was the gain of two new 'babies'. These 'babies' were as close to live subjects as possible. The babies had to be led on a schedule and cried when something was wrong.

As usual, students attended a 'mock' wedding at The Wedding Chapel where they learned the lundamentals of planning a wedding. They also were part of a real reception.

Scholar's Bowl participants were also very busy this year. For the lirst time, the team traveled to the University of Montevallo for the area competition, then, the very next day they traveled to Duke University lor a national tournament. Mrs. Williams, the sponson, made sure that they were prepared for the games by holding practice twice a week for many weeks. The team capped off there travels by going skiing. Although they only attended one match this year, the math team also worked hard. Practice was interpupted when Mrs. Spease, the former coach left, and Mr. Paul Morris arrived. It was cancelled for a while, but soon practice began again in preparation for the county tournament.

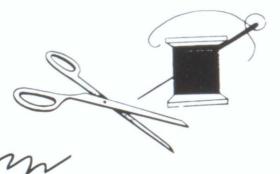




Dusty Dobbs and Valinda Davis were chosen to participate in the 'mock' wedding at the annual event at The Wedding Chapel in Hooven.

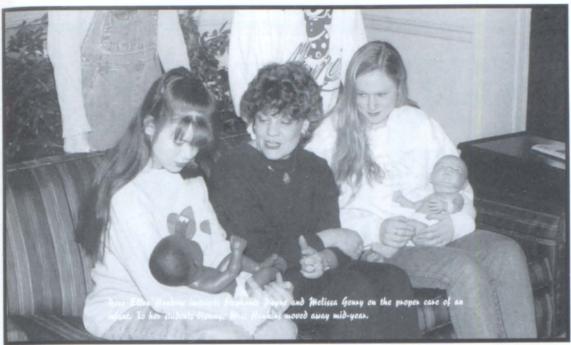








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Margaret Daum concentrates during Scholar's Rowl practice. All members had to put out great effort to do well against stiff competition.





Math Team members: L. Collins, A. Ebrahimi, F.Fones, K. Lawley, Y. Tolbert, R. Lewis, F. McFntyre, R. Rearden, E. George. Back: F. Mitchell, F. Smitherman, M. Wynn, M. Walker, F. McGaughy, M. Pawlik, A. Wynn, B. Blake, and D. Sisco.





While at Duke University, Dawn Brasher, Fosh Smitherman, and Fonathan Williams, research a problem on the computer. The team gave their best and did well in the competition.

Math Team/Scholars Bowl 111



Winning Ways

This year the FFA participated in many different activities and received many awards. One of the programs sponsored by them was Food for America. Students went to the elementary school and showed the children farm animals and their lood.

In November, some FFA members went to Kansas City, MO where Mr. Berry received his American FFA degree. On their trip they enjoyed sightseeing at the St. Louis Arch. It was a great trip for those who attended.

The Livestock Judging Team won first place at the district competition and they were sure to score well at state contests in the summer.

Christine Simmer was crowned Junior Miss Alabama Rodeo. This was a tremendous honor for Christine and for all FFA members. She represented her organization and all of MHS.

On May 21 the FFA held their annual barbeque cookout and banquet. State secretary Michael Manning was the guest speaker. The Montevallo FFA led MHS into the future by having its own 'home page' on the Internet.

"The FFA is a leadership experience that prepares you for the real world" says senior and president Wade Berry.





Kelsey Fields is set to survey the front lawn. Surveying is just one of the activities offered in Agribusiness 77.

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Zac Craig unloads apples for the FFA's annual fruit sale. The FFA's fruit sale was a big success as usual.







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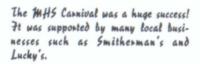


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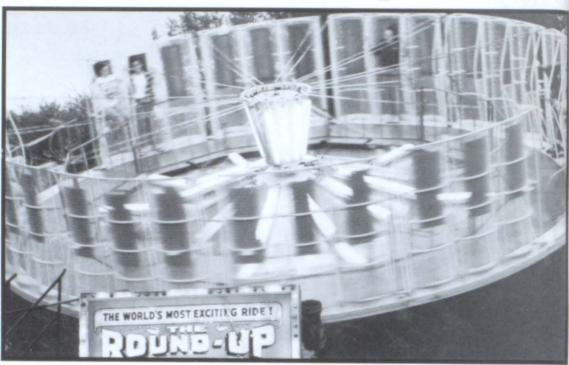


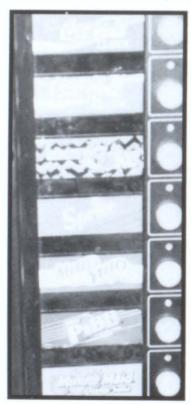






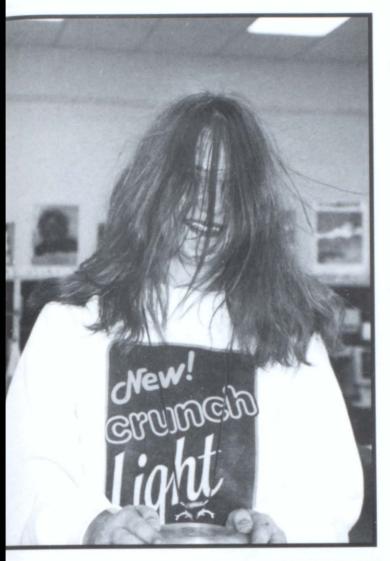
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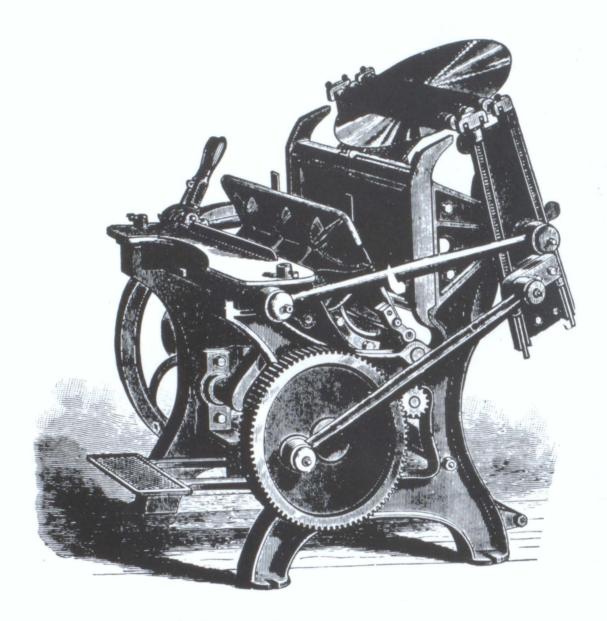
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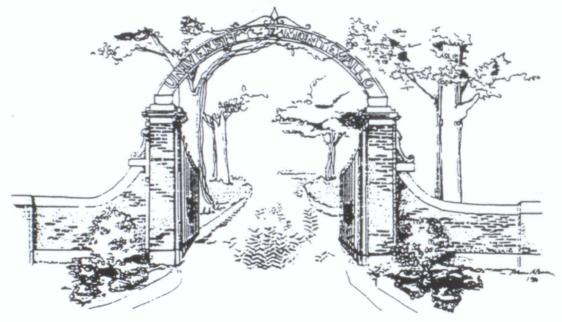


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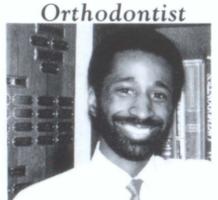


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So whenever T say Kow proud T am of you Remember your DAD is saying it, too!



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you'll make your mark
In your life you stand
from a crowd
I know to your father
you've made him proud.



Terri,
We are very proud of
you and wish you much
success with your future!





David (Dada),
You are the
"twinkle" in our eyes
and the

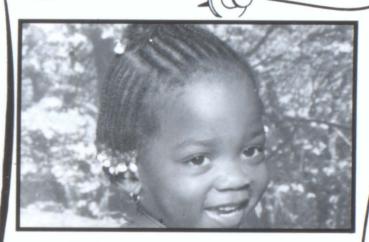
"Sunshine" of our life! We are very proud

of you, and we know you will have great

success in everything you do! We love you very

much, Granny and Poppa





Keesha,
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Congratulations Brad!

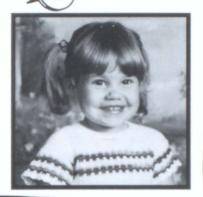
We wish you joy, happiness, and the best of luck.

> Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Gretchen!

May your future be successful and happy. We love you and are very proud of you. Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Allen, Comic, and Aggie



Michelle,

If God ever gave an Angel to any two people he gave one to us. You have made us laugh and cry with so much pride and joy in our hearts. May all your hopes and dreams come true because you deserve the best. With all our love today, tomorrow, and forever. God be with you always.

Love, Mom and Dad



Always a winner! Love, Gretchen and Dad





To our little Liz Congratulations Elizabeth Hamilton! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



Sarah, Congratulations on your graduation! Good luck in whatever you pursue.

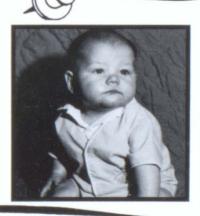
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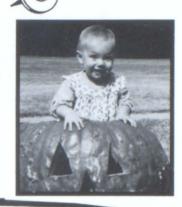
Forrest,
We are very thankful for your life and the young man you have become.
As you begin a new phase of your life our prayer is that God would direct you and cause you to make a difference.

Love, Mom, Dad, and your brothers



Anna,
May true happiness
that comes from your
love of God, family,
and friends be your
measure for future
success.

We Love You Mom, Dad, and Ryan



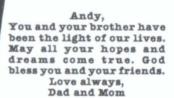
Congratulations Graduate! May all your dreams come true. We love





Jeff,
We are very proud of you and
the friends you have. We
know you have an exciting
life ahead of you.
Love,

Mom, Dad, and Greg





Dana,
Wishing you all the success and happiness that life has to offer. We are proud of you. Congratulations to our very special person.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Bobby



Angela,
Congratulations! You have made us so proud of you in all your years of school.
You have worked hard and we know you'll continue to do so for your future. We wish you the very best.

We Love You, Mom, Dad, and Jensen



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Valinda,
You have brought us
much joy and laughter.
We are very proud of
you. Always follow
your dreams, we love
you very much.
Mom, David, Vanessa,

Valorie, and Phillip



Jamie,
We are very, very proud of you and are very thankful to be your parents. You have brought such pleasure to us as we shared each of your accomplishments. Remember as you go forward with life that we will always be here to love you and support you. Thanks

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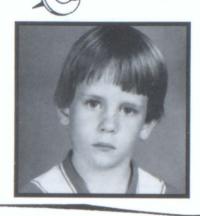


Daphne, you have always been a joy to us, Miss Dee. We are proud of you and we love and support

you. Love, Mother, Dad. Riley, and Tracy



Jay Your life was a gift We handled with care, Treasure it patiently Always to dare, To strive for the best For now it is yours, Decisions you make Forever endure. You are our sunshine! Love. Mom and Dad



Congratulations Kerri!! We are so very Proud of you. We wish the best for you al-

We love you, Momma, Rick, and Mollis





Kim.

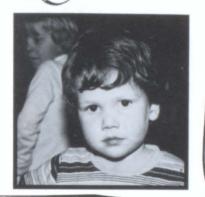
From then to now you have been great. My little girl is an adult now. May your adult years be as great for you as your childhas been for us. We wish only success and happiness for you in the future.

Dad, Mom, & Waylon



Chris, Words can not express how proud we are of you at this moment. Remember, this is only the beginning. Love, Mom & Dad

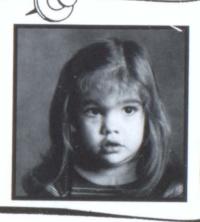




Congratulations Robin, Thanks for the memories. As you go on from here remember where your strength lies. God bless you now and throughout life.

We're proud of you, Love,

Mom & James



We Love You, Hopperl Love, Mom, Dad, Kristie. Doug and Gigle





Whenever we looked at our Angel, we couldn't always see the wings and the

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special person in our
lives. May God guide
and bless you as you
plan and make decisions for your life.



Mandy,

I am very proud of you! Love, Mother





Keith,

Congratulations

''Little Man''!

We hope the future brings you a life of happiness.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Erin and



Congratulations Kelly!

I am so proud of you. You are the sunshine of my life. I wish you the best of everything that life has to offer.



Courtnay,

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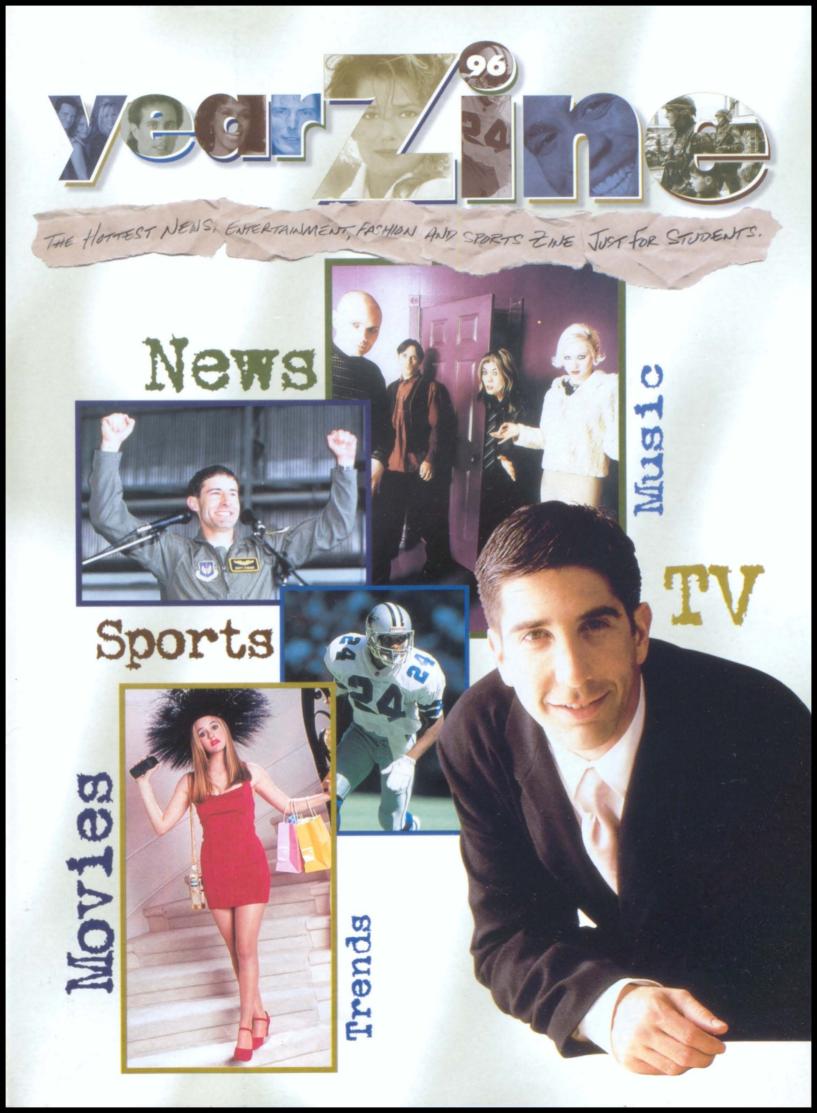
After nine and a half months of school, the year finally came to an end. Another class was leaving, and another eighth grade class preparing for August and the months that follow. Every student starts school as a certain person but in the following months they change and grow. Each May there is almost an entirely different student body.

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responsiblities as adults.

As class periods turn into days, as days turn into weeks, as the weeks turn into months, and the months turn into years, we at Montevallo go with the flow and prepare to achieve our goals starting in August and all the months that follow.

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In "Casino," **Sharon Stone plays** a veteran Las Vegas hustler in Martin Scorcese's three-hour depiction of how the mob controlled and ultimately lost Las Vegas.

Robin Williams and a feast of special effects brings the jungle to life in the fanciful movie "Jumanji."

Considered the hottest young actor in 50 years, Brad Pitt catapulted "Seven" into a box-office smash.



WhatEVER! Alicia Silverstone stars in "Clueless" as a Beverly Hills princess. The hilarious teen comedy is based loosely on an 1816 novel by Jane Austen.

Versatile and charming, Emma Thompson wrote the Academy Award-winning script for and stars in "Sense and Sensibility," a touching comedy about two sisters falling in love.

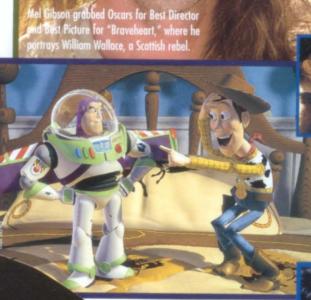


In "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," rubber-faced Jim Carrey brought fans to the box office in droves with his sequel to "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective."



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- 2. "Apollo 13," \$172
- 3. "Toy Story," \$150
- 4. "Pocahontas," \$141
- 5. "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," \$104



Nicolas Cage won critical acclaim and an Oscar for his portrayal of a man determined to drink himself to death in the dark drama "Leaving Las Vegas."

Woody, the pull-string cowboy, and Buzz Lightyear brightened the holiday season in "Toy Story," Disney's feature-length, computer-animated smash hit.

"Babe," a family-oriented film from Australia, features a talking pig that becomes a sheep herder and a hero among his barnyard friends. James Cromwell stars as the farmer in this delightful story of diplomacy and courtesy.



Best Actress winner Susan Sarandon portrays a Louisiana nun in "Dead Man Walking," which also stars Sean Penn as a death-row inmate.









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